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Dysart Planning Process Continues

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

"The planning process is like a work in progress."
(Murray Fearrey)

The Municipality of Dysart et al is mid way through the process of reviewing its Official Plan and everything seems to be proceeding on schedule. While Planner Pat Martin has been keeping the Council up to date at each of their regular meetings, this week the Council considered the first half of the document in detail.

For those not familiar with the process, the purpose of the review is to ensure that planning policies and documents are current and relevant to the needs of the municipality at this point in time. While in the past municipalities were only required to 'have regard for' the Provincial Policy Statement issued under the Planning Act, all Official Plans (or OPs) must now 'be consistent with' the PPS. In addition, the OP must conform to direction provided

in the County's OP, which is much broader in nature and is also under review. Between May and August of last year, Martin reviewed and updated all the necessary background information required to make the appropriate updates and consulted with a variety of agencies. Throughout that process Martin continued to consult with the County's Planner Jane Tousaw and County planning consultants. A successful public open house was held in August and since that

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OMB Set to Mediate Airport Land Acquisitions

All is not exactly as it seems when it comes to the Stanhope Airport and the Algonquin Highlands Council's proposed expansion of the airport. Although there has been little to report over the last few months, and construction of any sort remains on hold during the winter, disputes continue to simmer under a surface of apparent civility.

Last week, the County Voice discovered that the Ontario Municipal Board has been considering arguments put forward by the Middleton family, three brothers whose property was expropriated early in 2007, to make way for a new crosswind runway.

It is somewhat unsettling to discover that, several years after passing a by-law to expropriate lands, the Council continues to spend undisclosed sums on lawyers and consultants to finalize the acquisition of a key piece of land required to build the new runway.

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Porsche on Ice

Rick Bye, twice Canadian racing champion and Porsche Cup driver, was on the Minden fairgrounds ice track last weekend putting a Porsche Boxster and a Porsche Cayenne through their paces for a CTV report on tire safety. Acceleration, braking and handling tests were designed to determine the differences in cars equipped with all season radials as opposed to dedicated winter tires. CTV plans to air the results and a report will also be posted on the its web site at some future date.

The track, maintained by Minden Kinsmen, will once again be home to the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs (CASC) Magnum Ice Racing Championship that is set to resume its 2010 series later this month. Kinsmen use the proceeds from the series to support various local community projects. ■

Photos & Story by Lyn Winans



Canadian racing champion Rick Bye



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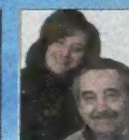
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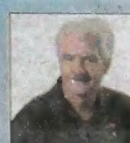
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Readership remains strong with 74% of adults reading their community newspaper

The Canadian Community Newspaper Database Corporation (ComBase) today announced the results of its 2008-2009 study, with readership data for 218 markets across Canada.

Overall, community newspaper readership remains strong, with 74% of Canadians reading their community newspaper. Readership is particularly strong among desirable target groups:

- 76% of women
- 78% of baby boomers
- 77% of adults with children
- 74% of university-educated adults
- 76% of homeowners
- 78% of affluent Canadians (i.e., household income >\$75K)

Source: ComBase 2008-2009. Base: Adults 18+, Canada. Read any of the last four issues.

Two hundred thirty-five newspapers participated in ComBase 2008-2009, which includes media



consumption data for community newspapers, daily newspapers, ethnocultural and other newspapers, radio, television and Internet.

Results for individual markets have been distributed to participating newspapers. ComBase is in the process of releasing the complete database to media planners who use information systems software. National and regional highlights, as well as a list of markets and media, are available on the ComBase website at www.combase.ca. Data requests may also be submitted via email to research@combase.ca.

About ComBase

ComBase is the Canadian Community Newspaper Database Corporation, a tripartite industry organization that conducts the principal readership research on behalf of the community newspaper industry in Canada.

Operating since 2002, ComBase's mandate is to provide title- and market-specific data for community newspapers at the market and sub-market level. Visit the ComBase website at www.combase.ca.

Backhoe Stolen

(MINDEN ON.) —Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment were called this morning to investigate the theft of a backhoe from the Irondale area.

The investigation revealed that sometime overnight the suspect(s) stole a 1985 Case four wheel drive backhoe yellow in colour model 580E from a residence in the Irondale area.

Anyone with information is asked to call the O.P.P. Communications Centre at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. ■

CIBC gives \$5000 to Haliburton Library

Submitted by Lindy Smith, Library Fundraising Committee



The Haliburton Library Fundraising Committee welcomes a very generous donation of \$5000 from the CIBC to our library fundraising drive.

We have noticed that the parking lot for the library is filled with cars. People are using computers, enjoying a good book in comfortable chairs, and even bringing in a coffee to enjoy with their reading material.

Residents are checking out books and videos and applying for new library cards. "Isn't this a wonderful library!" is often heard as local residents greet each other. We are all thrilled to be able to use this warm, welcoming space. The view of Glebe Park and Head Lake is outstanding and the interior invites visitors to make themselves comfortable. Our municipal government and all of our local businesses and residents have worked together to make this library an attractive, well furnished and important part of our village. There is still work to be done to complete the indoor and outdoor space. We thank you so much for your continued support of the new Haliburton Library. We want this municipal building to become the hub of our community. ■

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Trial Date Set for Sovereignty Group

By Zoe Cittern



The sovereignty group were in court last Wednesday, January 6th for their second court appearance after their arrests were made on November 10th for unlawful entry in a dwelling. The six adults; Victor Beck, Alexandre Nault, William Russ, Diann Turkington, Doug Baskin and Yakim Belair presented themselves at the Minden court house minus the camera crew this time.

The duty counsellor, Mark Christie, who was assisting them said the groups actions appeared to be a "political act" and that "they were prepared to set a trial date." Victor Beck who from the beginning has appeared as the group leader spoke first from the collective and said "we don't believe it's a charter issue, it's a God given right." He then announced that they would be using the Bible as evidence. To which the Judge L.E. Chester replied that "the Bible is not a defence method, there are lots of religious books out there like the Quran for example." Victor Beck stated that "as sons and heirs of God which is our true nature and the Bible is the foundation of all laws here." The judge was firm

in replying that "everybody has to comply with the laws of the county, the province and the country. You have to comply with the laws of the land." To which Beck replied "complying is not defending."

The judge reiterated that "we do not want to get into chaos here" and Nault chimed in saying "that's why we are here. From our perspective rights it's our true nature." Beck added that "there are extenuating circumstances as to why we did it." Throughout the hearing Beck continually stated that they "are sons and heirs of God" as he tried to validate his argument as to why they broke into the Kennisis Lake property. The judge asked about the evidence pertaining to the case including witness statements. Beck proudly told him that "we notified the police of what we were doing at the time and that there won't be resistance. We take responsibility. If our rights as sons and heirs were established this wouldn't have happened to us. Our issue is as rights as sons and heirs only."

In a rambling letter on the groups website the anonymous writer states "to challenge the Bible would be to question the reason people are asked to swear on it to tell the truth in court. Although we are saying that we are sons and heirs of God it is the Bible, church, maxims of law etc. that testify to that fact. So we do not have to prove we are sons and heirs of God the crown would have to disprove and to do that would rock the world." In earlier letters dated on the website the group asks for donations for the cause and that they are "near the end of the journey."

The judge and the group collectively agreed that they wanted a trial date set as soon as possible, they will have a status hearing on January 14th at the Lindsay court offices and their trial has been set for the following Wednesday in Minden, January 20th. The maximum sentence for unlawful entry is 10 years. ■

THURSDAY



Partly to mostly cloudy and pleasant

▲ -1° ▼ -10°

FRIDAY



Partly to mostly cloudy and colder

▲ -4° ▼ -12°

SATURDAY



Colder with a few flurries

▲ -8° ▼ -15°

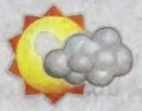
SUNDAY



Partly cloudy and not as cold

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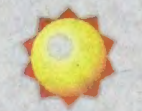
MONDAY



Partly cloudy and chilly

▲ -7° ▼ -15°

TUESDAY



Mostly sunny and milder

▲ -4° ▼ -12°

WEDNESDAY



Becoming mostly cloudy and seasonable

▲ -3° ▼ -11°

AROUND THE REGION: Skies will become partly to mostly cloudy today as highs reach near zero. More clouds than sun will continue to be seen on Friday. Highs will only be in the middle single digits below zero. On Saturday, it will be even colder with a few flurries possible. Highs will be near 10 below. More sunshine than clouds will be seen on Sunday.

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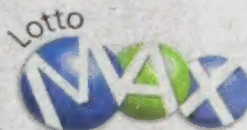


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City	Today	Friday	Saturday	City	Today	Friday	Saturday
Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk
Acapulco	29/19/pc	27/18/pc	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	27/21/pc	28/22/sh	32/27/su
Antigua	29/23/su	29/23/su	31/26/su	Nassau	20/16/pc	22/17/sh	31/28/sh
Barbados	31/23/su	30/23/su	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	29/21/pc	30/21/pc	33/26/cl
Bermuda	17/12/pc	18/13/pc	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	27/18/pc	24/13/su	29/23/na
Cancun	22/16/sh	27/21/sh	32/26/na	St Thomas	28/23/pc	27/22/sh	28/23/pc
Curacao	31/25/su	31/26/pc	31/24/ts	St. Maarten	29/23/su	28/23/su	31/27/su
Freeport	19/13/pc	21/14/sh	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	29/21/pc	29/21/pc	31/21/ra
Georgetown	29/22/ts	29/22/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	28/22/su	27/22/sh	28/22/su
Havana	21/13/cl	24/16/cl	34/24/su	San Salvador	27/17/cl	29/20/pc	32/22/su
Key West	21/13/cl	21/14/cl	24/20/sh	Santo Domingo	27/18/sh	29/21/sh	33/26/su
Kingston	28/22/pc	29/23/sh	33/32/su	Trinidad	29/22/ts	29/21/sh	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk
Bancroft	-1/10/pc	-4/12/cl	-8/15/sf	-4/11/pc	-7/15/pc	-4/12/su	-3/11/pc
Barrie	-1/9/pc	-4/12/cl	-8/14/sf	-4/11/pc	-6/14/pc	-3/12/su	-3/10/cl
Dorset	-1/10/pc	-4/13/cl	-8/16/sf	-4/12/pc	-7/15/pc	-4/12/su	-3/11/pc
Haliburton	-1/10/pc	-4/12/cl	-8/15/sf	-4/11/pc	-7/15/pc	-4/12/su	-3/11/pc
Huntsville	-1/10/pc	-4/13/cl	-8/16/sf	-4/12/pc	-7/15/pc	-4/12/su	-3/11/cl
Kingston	1/8/pc	-3/11/cl	-7/13/sf	-3/9/pc	-5/13/pc	-3/11/su	-1/9/pc
Lindsay	0/-9/pc	-4/12/cl	-8/14/sf	-4/11/pc	-6/14/pc	-3/12/su	-3/10/pc
Minden	-1/10/pc	-4/12/cl	-8/15/sf	-4/11/pc	-7/15/pc	-4/12/su	-3/11/pc
Oshawa	1/8/pc	-2/11/cl	-6/13/sf	-3/9/pc	-4/13/pc	-2/10/su	-1/9/pc
Ottawa	-2/9/pc	-4/13/cl	-9/16/cl	-7/16/cl	-6/13/pc	-6/13/pc	-6/11/pc
Toronto	2/-8/pc	-2/11/cl	-6/13/sf	-2/9/pc	-4/12/pc	-2/9/su	0/-8/cl

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk	Hi/Lo/Outk
Calgary	3/-8/pc	6/5/pc	9/3/pc	10/3/pc	9/2/pc	7/3/cl	4/4/cl
Edmonton	0/-7/pc	3/7/cl	2/7/cl	2/7/cl	2/7/cl	0/9/cl	-1/11/cl
Fredericton	-3/10/pc	-3/11/cl	-5/14/sf	-4/13/sf	-6/14/sf	-5/14/sf	-4/13/pc
Halifax	-2/-8/su	-1/6/pc	-3/9/sf	-2/9/sf	-3/9/sf	-3/9/cl	-1/8/pc
Montreal	-3/10/cl	-3/13/cl	-8/16/cl	-7/13/cl	-8/16/cl	-8/16/su	-7/12/pc
Regina	1/-9/pc	4/7/pc	7/5/pc	9/4/pc	11/2/pc	9/4/cl	7/6/cl
St. John's	-4/-9/pc	-4/10/sf	-4/12/sn	-4/12/sn	-5/13/sn	-6/12/sn	-2/9/pc
Saskatoon	0/-9/pc	4/6/cl	6/6/cl	6/5/cl	7/4/cl	4/7/pc	2/-9/cl
Vancouver	6/3/ra	8/5/sh	13/7/sh	12/7/sh	13/7/sh	12/8/sh	12/6/sh
Whitehorse	-8/-15/sn	-11/18/sn	-9/16/sn	-8/14/sn	-8/14/sn	-9/16/cl	-9/18/cl
Winnipeg	1/-8/cl	0/-9/sf	2/-8/cl	0/-9/pc	2/-8/pc	1/-6/mx	-1/9/sn

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Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 1/11	-5°C	-10°C	0.9 mm
Sunday 1/10	-4°C	-23°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 1/9	-10°C	-22°C	0.0 mm
Friday 1/8	-12°C	-14°C	1.9 mm
Thursday 1/7	-4°C	-13°C	0.7 mm
Wednesday 1/6	-6°C	-14°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 1/5	-8°C	-14°C	2.6 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	7:49 a.m./4:57 p.m.	7:29 a.m./4:29 p.m.
Fri.	7:49 a.m./4:59 p.m.	8:00 a.m./5:32 p.m.
Sat.	7:48 a.m./5:00 p.m.	8:26 a.m./6:36 p.m.
Sun.	7:48 a.m./5:01 p.m.	8:48 a.m./7:39 p.m.
Mon.	7:47 a.m./5:02 p.m.	9:08 a.m./8:41 p.m.
Tues.	7:46 a.m./5:04 p.m.	9:27 a.m./9:44 p.m.
Wed.	7:46 a.m./5:05 p.m.	9:45 a.m./10:47 p.m.

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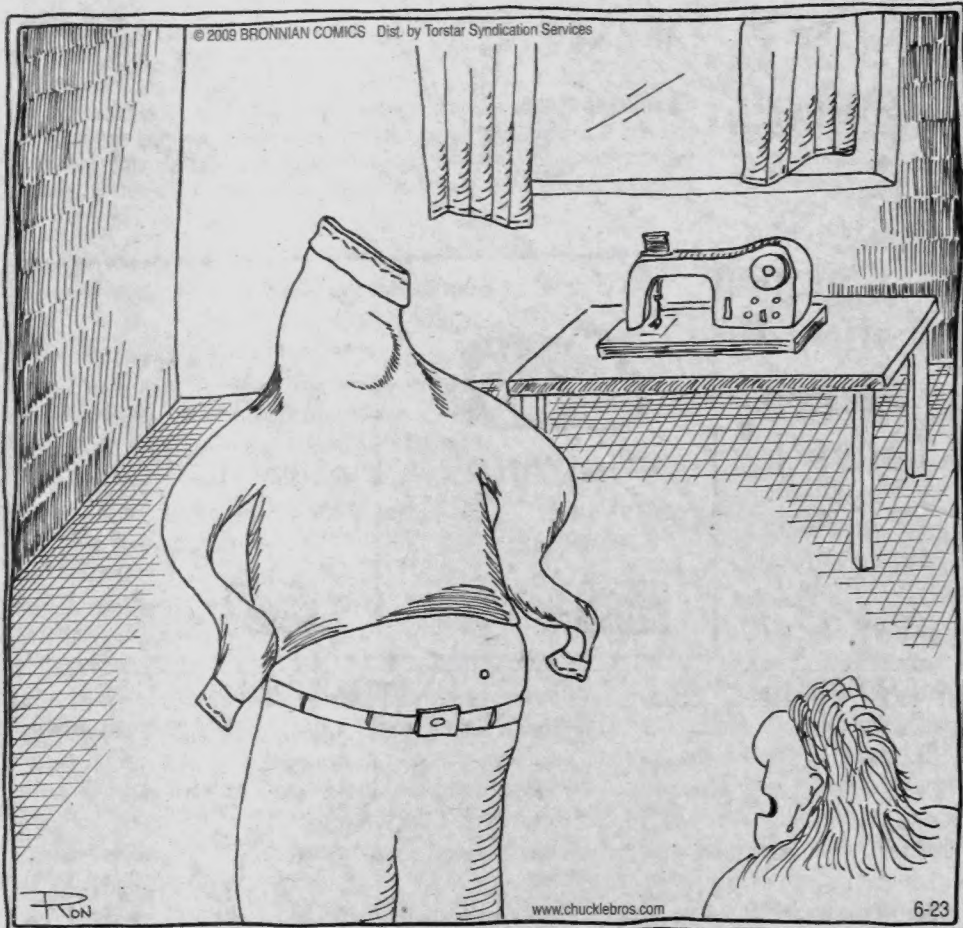
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

HATVA Perplexed

We read with interest Dysart Council's agreement to go ahead with an ATV economic impact study via ULinks. We are keenly aware of the politics at play with the few Councilors that do not support ATVing and the administrative ties to ULinks. For the record, HATVA commissioned to Haliburton Trails & Tours a robust economic impact survey and study about one year ago. The County wide survey is modeled after a similar ATV economic impact study done by a US University. The survey format is in four parts and is already complete and ready to go. It consists of a on site retailer/business owner survey, an on trail rider survey, a club member/prospect mail out survey and a rider exit survey at various gas stations, restaurants, accommodators and retail outlets around Haliburton County (including Dysart).

With Trails & Tours untimely demise we are negotiating with former Trails & Tours staff to carry on with the survey on a fee for service basis. In addition the surveys are being validated by a graduate of Waterloo University with a Honours Business degree with an additional Western University Masters degree in Information Sciences. We believe the findings will be accurate and will properly quantify the economic impact that ATV recreation has in the County. The survey findings based on sample size will also be validated in the same way. We anticipate the report being completed September 2010 and we will be happy to share the outcome with the public at that time.

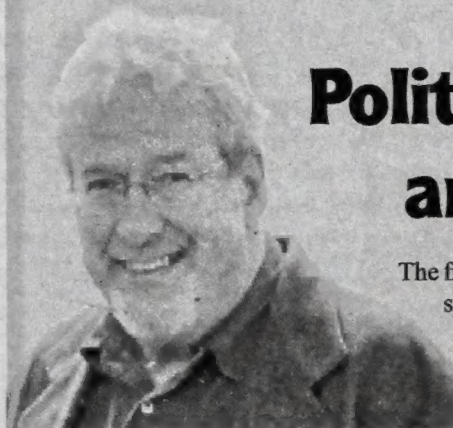
Steven Skidmore
President
Haliburton ATV
Association ■



Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Politics, Rumours, and Rhetoric



The front page of Monday's Toronto Star featured a speculative story on a possible cabinet shuffle by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, prompted by the recent resignation of super-minister George Smitherman and now, Municipal Affairs Minister Jim Watson. Former Winnipeg Mayor and

urban affairs activist Glen Murray is running for the Liberals in a by-election in Toronto Centre and his likely win could easily propel him into the cabinet. The Star's story also listed the names of some Liberal backbenchers whose performance had made them possible cabinet candidates – and there, front and centre, was Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock's very own MPP, Rick Johnson.

"I can honestly say I had no inkling that I was going to be mentioned," Johnson told me later on Monday. "And the only thing I can really say is that Premier McGuinty treats all his MPPs as members of one team – and consults with all of us. So any of us will assume whatever role the Premier deems fit for us."

Johnson was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs just a few months ago, and has enjoyed every minute of his new job. But this jump into cabinet would be huge, given Johnson has less than a year's Queen's Park experience under his belt. However, ink and air time to a politician are what water and oxygen mean to the rest of us, and Johnson's stock can only be enhanced by these kinds of rumours and innuendoes. Stay tuned.

Elsewhere in the political rumpus room, our local "Dysart Ministerial", an informal organization of local Christian ministries, is sponsoring a "Leaders' Prayer Breakfast" for our politicians and government service leaders (firefighters, etc.) of all political stripes. "The Bible tells us to pray for our leaders," said Lakeside Baptist Pastor Dave Bretzlaff, "and we want to make sure our community leaders and politicians know that, and to encourage them in their work." I had to ask if there might be any particular partisan agenda to the meeting, to which Pastor Dave said, with a laugh, "not even close. Even if we wanted to we could never agree anyway." More on the breakfast prayer and schmooze in next week's issue.

And finally, as Prime Minister Stephen Harper prepares for a two-month long 'recalibration' of his political agenda, our local MP, Barry Devolin, finds himself under attack for intemperate remarks made on the environment by one of his staffers. Local naturopath, author, and political activist Doug Smith managed to tape a wild and frankly crazy conversation he had with said staffer, which Smith cheerfully distributed to the media. I have lots of respect for Doug Smith, and for Devolin, but this editor passed on the story because it was so clearly an easy 'gotcha' moment. No one in their right minds thinks for a second that Devolin supports his staffer's private rant, despite the mixed messages he and his party often send on the subject. But lunatic staffer quotes can happen to any politician in any party, and generally mean nothing. I could go to the national NDP or Liberal offices and within a day get quotes from well meaning partisan apparatchiks that would make Jack Layton or Ignatieff jump out of the nearest window. A senior Liberal academic and advisor once told me that his personal political philosophy was closer to Mao's than to (then PM) Jean Chretien's. And so?

But MP Devolin, who represents constituents with passionate views on the environment, certainly could do his own cause some good by being glaringly clear on the central issues of global warming, and Canada's national and international responsibilities.

That is, if the long arm and longer memories of Harper's PMO haven't for once and for all secured the parameters of the debate. ■

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Dear Editor:

Giving Away the Farm:

"Well, the deed is done ... so to speak!"

After 50 years of family ownership the deed to Dahl Forest is now in the hands of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust. At the flick of a pen, the smack of a rubber stamp, our 500 acre stewardship project leaves the family and becomes entrusted to a community group ... forever.

Forever? An elusive concept, and one of the first we had to tangle with. Nothing is forever – we can only try to get close. There aren't many options for people wishing to preserve a property for posterity, but selling the place was obviously not one of them.

Not everyone becomes truly attached to a piece of land. Most of us view land as a commodity – a place to live, perhaps to farm for income, a speculative investment, or a place to enjoy for recreation. When times change we move on. A phone call to the real estate agent, sign some papers and it's gone. Take the money, use it for something else. Buy another place.

For my family, disposal of our property in Haliburton County was not so simple – not by a long shot.

My father purchased the land in the mid-1950s. It didn't cost much then because it wasn't worth much. The meagre topsoil was all but gone and wouldn't grow weeds. Real crops were out of the question and scrawny cattle ranged free, scrounging for what they could get.

Dad came from Sweden and brought with him the romantic European ideal of the great Canadian wilderness: endless forests, hunting and trapping, aboriginals living off the land. That's not what he found. But part of that Swedish culture was the principle of sustainable forestry – planting and stewarding forest, replacing it as it was harvested. He determined to replicate the model by setting up a 'tree farm', and it became known to family and friends as 'the farm'.

A tree farm, as a small scale private venture, was almost unheard of in those days. There were no breaks, tax or otherwise, for an individual with land to practice reforestation. But he did it anyway, completely at his own expense and trusting in the value of a long term

investment.

When I was young, my mother, my sister and I all participated in the annual planting operation. Local helpers were hired for the springtime event. Fifty years and 110,000 trees later the naked sandy fields and rocky outcrops are now dense woodland. For those 50 years we watched the land change fundamentally from failed farmland to natural wilderness. Wildlife returned to the river valley, beaver changed the scenery with

Land Trust. Designed for situations like ours, the program helps community groups identify ecologically sensitive lands and facilitates gifts from owners who want to see their treasured properties secured for posterity.

This turned out to be a complex process, but the land trust, with the enthusiastic and hard working leadership of Sheila Ziman, helped us work our way through the maze of surveys, assessments,

legal issues and government bureaucracy.

A property severance had to be made, a life interest in the house negotiated and an agreement on the future uses of the land worked through. It was a process that took over a year and countless phone calls, emails and meetings, but in the end we can be proud of the result: the Dahl Forest will

remain as a conservation reserve – forever.

This isn't the end of the story. The HHLT is a community based charitable organization run entirely by Haliburton County volunteers who want to make a difference. The costs of maintaining the Dahl Forest property – insurance, signage, maintenance, etc. will now be borne by the Land Trust with community support. A significant sum must be raised for an endowment fund to cover these costs into the future. The Land Trust has a good start on this fund, but a long way to go. Community members who value the perpetual conservation of areas of natural woodlands in the county will be asked to chip in and take over where my family leaves off.

Dahl Forest is not longer in our hands. Help the HHLT preserve it for future generations. Let's see what another 50 years will bring!

For more information, visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or call 705-754-2532.

Peter Dahl
Victoria, BC ■



From left to right: Shirley McCormick (HHLT director), Neil Campbell (HHLT past director), Peter Dahl, (one of the landowners and donor of property), Sheila Ziman, HHLT Chair and Barrie Martin (HHLT director)

their wetland projects. The field birds disappeared as the forest inhabitants moved in. The old farmstead laneways became moss covered trails winding through ever thickening cover.

For most of our lives we lived away from the area and only returned to the farm occasionally – sometimes two or three years would pass between my ability to visit. For those who live continuously around land that reverts to its natural state the change is slow and almost unnoticeable. On my visits there were always surprises. An expansive vista was now obscured by growing trees. A trickling creek had become a stream. A meadow now a wetland. The old buildings sagging and rotting away.

The farm has been an integral part of my mother's life and she has always been adamant that the property be managed – but mostly left alone to return to nature. If there is a theme to our more recent ownership of the land it was just that – leave it alone.

Sell it? Not an option.

An alternative appeared in the form of the Ecological Gifts Program and the Haliburton Highlands

OMB To Mediate Expropriation Costs

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

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"Compensation offered for our expropriated land is completely inadequate."

That the family was forced into selling their property has been one of the strongest factors fuelling the considerable and ongoing outrage over a project that many area residents feel is being shoved down their throats with an iron rod. After generations of enjoyment, the Middleton family has been left with only a small percentage of their land, but putting all that aside, they hold the opinion that the \$200,000 in compensation, just doesn't cut the mustard.

Bill Middleton, speaking on behalf of the family, said that immediately after the Council gave itself the power to expropriate 100 acres of their land north of the airport property, they consulted with a lawyer, only to discover that there was no reasonable prospect of preventing the expropriation.

"We could have asked for a hearing, but the report arising out of the hearing would likely have been nothing more than a recommendation to Council that it would simply ignore. Rather than forcing the Township to go through all of the formal legal procedures required by the Expropriation Act, and adding unnecessary additional costs to the process, we agreed to an alternate procedure under the Act which permits the taking of the property under an Agreement of Purchase and Sale."

According to Middleton the agreement was finalized late in September of 2007 and the transfer of the expropriated land was concluded irrevocably by the end of October that same year for \$200,000; the price offered by the municipality earlier in the year when the family initially refused the deal out of hand.

"After 70 years on Cameron Lake and having owned and enjoyed the 100 acres for 55 years, they have expropriated 95 percent of our property," Middleton said.

While the money was paid up front and without prejudice and Middleton has confirmed that the cheque was cashed in accordance with the rules of the Expropriation Act, he also said that the amount paid did not necessarily coincide with appraisals that were provided for the land or allow for 'injurious affection' or take into consideration ongoing impacts to the family from future development of the airport by noise, additional air traffic or simply for reduced enjoyment of the property that they still hold.

But the Act also sets out a process that can be followed subsequent to the land transaction and Middleton says the family is working its way through that process.

The matter of compensation has been taken to the Ontario Municipal Board for consideration. One meeting was held in November with the Middleton brothers and a legal representative for the Municipality in attendance and a 'mediation' date has been set for January 19th in Toronto to see if things can be resolved amicably between the parties without moving into a full public hearing.

Middleton has said, "My brothers and I believe very strongly that the compensation offered for our expropriated land is completely inadequate. The claim we are making reflects the opinions of well-qualified professional advisors that we have been obliged to consult. As well, in addition to seizing 95 percent of our land to build a huge airport expansion, the Township has offered us absolutely nothing to compensate for the damages to our remaining land."

The Middleton's land is not the only property that has been purchased. Over and above the \$200,000 paid to the Middleton Family, an additional \$275,000 appears to have been spent by the municipality for land adjacent to the Middleton land, to enable construction of the new runway. In addition, the cost to negotiate easements for necessary tree topping on an as yet unknown number of properties in the area remains to be seen.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison says it's a very complicated issue, and of that no one has any doubts. "They accepted the \$200,000 payment when they realized the land would be expropriated. While I don't fully understand the process, I believe they are claiming for injurious affection, which is a rather ambiguous thing. If the mediation is successful, then there will be no need for a hearing. In the meantime we still have some matters to resolve."

When asked why the OMB's involvement had not been made public, Harrison said that they had only received confirmation late in the fall. "Other than that, there is little that can be discussed in an open meeting. If the mediation works, there may be open discussion about this, but nothing will become public until this is resolved."

Harrison confirmed that the airport remained a rough road at the present, but added that it would resolve itself over time.

Maple Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association President Paul MacInnes has suggested that the total amount of funds, some as yet undisclosed, invested in consultants and lawyers is likely considerable and possibly shocking if broken out carefully and reported to the public.

"It is obvious that this process is ongoing which speaks to the fact that the municipality will have to go through the same process with rest of the affected properties. It may not be as bad as expropriation, but forced easements are a form of expropriation and require many of the same steps."

In the meantime, nothing has been heard from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency on where the environmental review process stands. Requests by the Voice for clarification submitted to the 'responsible authority' remain unanswered and even the Municipality has been unable to garner any information on whether or not further study will be required of them.

While every assurance was given to the public by the CEAA that strict time lines would be followed, it is likely little surprise that the agency has not responded. Given that the volume of applications for stimulus and Building Canada funding that have been submitted for their review is likely out of this world and without someone hounding them on a regular basis, prodding for updates, it is hard to say where the Algonquin Highlands submission stands on the CEAA's priority list.

One thing is certain. Despite the fact that things have been fairly quiet when it comes to any airport expansion work, opposition to the project is not about to go away and will likely heat up considerably as the year goes on.

This is an election year, and when considering that the project may not be completed or even get underway before a new Council takes office, MBC Vice President Andy Muirhead said, "It is quite possible that, by driving forward regardless of cost or the wishes of the electorate, this Council could succeed in chaining Algonquin Highlands to an elephant and be far from their chambers before the feed bills start to arrive." □

Dysart et al in Review for 2009

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

To all outward appearances, Dysart et al has experienced a year that has been relatively free of strife and controversy (notwithstanding the protracted brouhaha over the Watercolours condo development) and Reeve Murray Fearrey intends to do everything in his power to ensure that things remain that way.

When asked earlier this year what he felt his municipality's greatest achievement was, Fearrey was quick to respond that it was keeping the tax rates reasonable, particularly in light of the battered economy and despite a dramatic ten percent increase in assessment. At the end of the year Fearrey commented that even though the economic downturn would remain a challenge for some time to come, the Council must do everything in their power to move forward with whatever projects they can, while ensuring that a reasonable tax rate is set; a goal that few residents could argue with.

Early in the year, the Dysart Council hosted a county wide meeting to hear a presentation that introduced a new waste disintegration system from the Kearns Waste Sciences Group in Cape Breton Island. Even though the Councils and their waste management staff were initially very excited about this radically new approach to waste handling that holds the potential to vastly reduce landfill storage requirements, concerns about the cost for a single municipality and the lack of certification has put the idea on hold, at least for now.

Growth in Dysart appears to continue despite all odds, and planning and development within the municipality remain as high priorities for the Council, with many of the meeting agendas containing a wide variety of planning issues to be resolved.

As detailed in a separate article in this issue of the Voice, the Council and their Municipal Planner have been putting a lot of their efforts into the five year review of their Official Plan. Fearrey said, "The planning process is a work in progress and meeting the municipality's needs on a long term basis in a fair and responsible way will be made much easier with updated planning policies in place."

"We're changing things in the Dysart OP that we are required to change under the Provincial Planning Policies and it also has to be done in tandem with the County OP. Hopefully what we're doing will result in solid planning policies and good environmental controls that will be accepted by the waterfront property owners. We also hope that people will recognize that the plan for downtown Haliburton represents a good five year look into the future."

After a marathon OMB hearing early in the year over the proposed 150 unit Watercolours Condominium development that will overlook Head Lake and the interminable wait for its ruling, in May the Board finally upheld Dysart's decision with a few conditions including restricting the height of the building to four stories. This allowed the developers to launch the next phase of their project. However, despite a modest reduction in the number of units, the opening of a very progressive sales centre and considerable interest in the project, continuing opposition and a hard hit economy finally caused the project to be put on hold until the spring,

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while the developers took a careful look at how to make the development more viable. Those who wish to see activity pick up in the community or who are waiting patiently for the units to become available will have to hold on until the spring to see how it has evolved to suit the needs of the Village.

Following on the heels of an announcement in 2008 by the Ministry of Natural Resources that over \$3.9 million dollars would be invested through grants and loan guarantees in the old Martin sawmill property in Harcourt, continued efforts have been made throughout the year to determine the status of the project. Mountains of red tape and delays in the delivery of equipment from the States were cited by the owner of Greenview Wood Products as the cause of several delays in the project. Despite the company's announcement that the project would be expanded and assurances in the fall of this year by representatives from the Ministry that the (overall) \$12 million dollar project was not in jeopardy, none of the highly anticipated and much needed 40 or more jobs have materialized to date.

Fearrey said, "Some of our challenges were actually our accomplishments," referring to the planning and construction of the new library as a bit of a challenge. "We stayed on course and within budget with tremendous

community support and virtually no impact on the tax base. Now we have a \$1.5 million dollar facility and that is certainly an accomplishment." And the grand opening of the new library was an event that no one should have missed, particularly with MPP (and singer) Rick Johnson stealing the show.

As the new library neared completion, a line up of potential tenants for the old library space rapidly came out of the woodwork. After several meetings with representatives of Haliburton's Creative Business Incubator, Council agreed that as the project was geared to job creation and supporting emerging entrepreneurs, the Business Incubator would be the most natural fit to utilize the space.

There has been a bit of controversy about the use of trails and old colonization roads between property owners in Harcourt Park and the Haliburton ATV Association that has yet to be resolved. Face offs between HATVA and private land owners in the Council Chambers along with pressure to discuss the use of ATV's on municipal roads also held a lot of Council's attention this year. As the last holdout to allow ATV's on either municipal or county roads, the Dysart Council finally pass a by-law in the fall that authorized ATV's on all municipally owned roads.

Delegations to Council about using ATV's on unopened road allowances concerns about people installing docks at the end of road allowances leading to waterfronts locations also caused Council and staff to prepare and review draft policies that will assist and guide the Council in making informed decisions on ongoing requests of this nature.

Fearrey also spoke of the Pine Lake Bridge and a number of road projects completed during the year that, with some financial assistance were other excellent accomplishments. Renovations to the West Guilford Community Centre, getting rid of any signs of mould and upgrading the heating system there was another example of smaller accomplishments completed throughout the year.

It was apparent that Fearrey was particularly pleased with the completion of the Streetscape project and it's unveiling to the community. While earlier applications for funding the project were unsuccessful, Fearrey said, "We have the plan in place, public meetings have been held and the project has been well received, which gives us a foundation to work from and an accomplishment for the future." Council agreed last week to move forward with an application for funding to complete a portion of the Streetscape project during 2010.

Exciting news for outdoor enthusiasts and local businesses; in October the Council announced that they would host the first annual Sportsman Show this summer. While this exciting new three day event is still in the planning stages, it promises to be a show that people of all ages from across the county and beyond can enjoy.

Fearrey said, "The Council has supported things like the Sportsman Show and the Frost Fest as events that will be wise investments for all of us on the long term."

As to upcoming challenges, along with the Streetscape project, Fearrey spoke of the landfill capacity study under way and an extensive list of road projects that needed consideration. "Finding the funding to complete them will be the challenge especially during this economic downturn. The skateboard park and more recreational facilities have been much on Council's mind and we have buildings like the Museum that need upgrading or improvements, particularly when it comes to accessibility. Finding ways to get these projects completed must be part of our financial planning." ■

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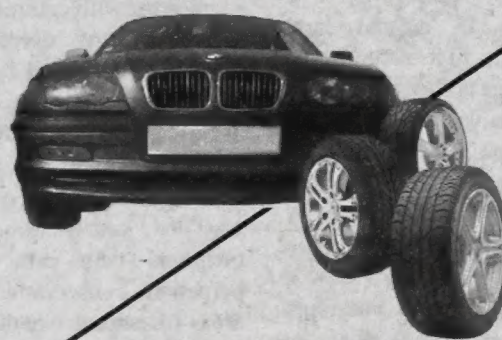


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MNR Reports

Shooting Elk Costs Man \$1,000

Shooting a cow elk during the recent deer hunt has cost an Oakville man \$1,000.

Joseph Kincaid pleaded guilty to hunting elk contrary to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and was fined \$500. In addition to the fine, Kincaid made a donation of \$500 to the North Hastings High School Resource Management Fund.

Court heard that Kincaid had been deer hunting on November 7, 2009, in Cashel Township. He shot what he believed was a doe white-tailed deer. Unfortunately, it was a cow elk. Kincaid immediately turned himself in to the Ministry of Natural Resources.

The cow elk was part of a herd released in the Bancroft area in 2001. These animals are protected under provincial law and cannot be hunted.

Justice of the Peace Barry Moran heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Bancroft, on January 5, 2010.

To report a natural resources violation, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667) toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). ■

\$2,500 Fine for Deer Hunting Offences

A Whitney man has pleaded guilty and was fined \$2,500 for offences under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Eric Pordonick was fined \$750 for hunting deer without a license and \$750 for discharging a firearm in a right-of-way for public vehicular traffic. He was also fined \$500 for trespass for the purpose of hunting and \$500 for possession of illegally-killed wildlife.

The court heard that on November 7, 2009, a Ministry of Natural Resources Bancroft District conservation officer received a complaint that Pordonick had shot from a roadway and took a deer that was located on private property.

Further investigation by the officer, with the assistance of an Algonquin Park conservation officer, led to Pordonick father's residence, where officers found the deer on the ground in the backyard covered with a blanket.

Pordonick arrived shortly after and advised the officer that he had shot the doe without a license, on private property with no permission, and while standing on the roadway. He said he had then loaded the untagged deer in the back of his truck, taken it to his father's house and tagged it with his father's seal.

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Fines of \$5000 and Suspensions for Illegal Cow Moose Cover-up

Five men belonging to a Bancroft area hunting camp have been charged with 13 offences, fined \$5,000 and received hunting license suspensions.

The men, members of the Limerick Lake Hunt and Fish Club Camp #13, pleaded guilty to numerous offences under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. The offences were related to the poaching of a cow moose off the Old Hastings Road in the Township of Faraday, Hastings County, by the Bear Shanty Hunt Camp during the 2008 moose season.

Edward Dowd, of Mallorytown, pleaded guilty to unlawfully possessing and transporting the cow moose as well as using another person's license. He was fined a total of \$1,750 for these offences, and his hunting license was suspended for one year.

Stephen Dowd, of Gananoque, pleaded guilty to unlawfully possessing the cow moose, as well as allowing someone else to use his cow moose seal. He was fined a total of \$750.

Richard Huck, of Rockport, pleaded guilty to unlawfully possessing and transporting the cow moose. He was fined a total of \$1,000 and his hunting license was suspended for one year.

Michael Truesdell, of Gananoque, pleaded guilty to the same charges and was fined a total of \$1,000 and had his hunting license suspended for one year.

John Peter, of Gananoque, also pleaded guilty to possessing and transporting the cow moose. He was fined a total of \$500.

All moose meat seized during the investigation was forfeited to the Crown.

The court heard that on October 24, 2008, while on patrol during the moose hunt, conservation officers conducted a routine check of a group known as the Bear Shanty Hunt Camp. The group had four quarters from a bull moose that it claimed to have killed during the hunt. Camp members advised that it was the only moose that the Bear Shanty Hunt Camp had killed during the hunt.

Further investigation found the remains of two additional adult moose. Officers found that Bear Shanty Hunt Camp had killed two bulls and a cow when only licensed to kill one Bull Moose. An illegal bull and cow moose were killed on October 22, 2008. Bear Shanty attempted to cover up the illegal Bull Moose by re-using the original bull tag, then approached Camp 13 members later in the day to see if they would like to claim the cow moose.

Camp 13 members accepted the offer, and Edward Dowd, Michael Truesdell and Richard Huck, along with Stephen Dowd's cow tag, travelled back to the kill site of the two moose. The three men then tagged the cow moose, and worked with Bear Shanty camp members to retrieve the cow. The three men from Camp 13 took the illegal animal back to their hunting camp, where John Peter took possession of the cow and drove it to a local butcher the following day.

Justice of the Peace Barry Moran heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Bancroft, on January 5, 2010.

Bear Shanty Hunt Camp members had already appeared in the Ontario Court of Justice, Bancroft, on June 2, 2009, and pleaded guilty to 35 offences. Camp members received \$30,000 in fines and hunting license suspensions relating to the poaching of a bull moose and the cow moose Camp 13 claimed from them.

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Dear Editor:

"Madam, may I politely suggest if you are not satisfied with the way our municipality is run, throw your hat in the ring."

Sir, I wish to reply to the very excellent letter in last week's issue of the Voice. While I agree to a very large extent with this letter by Beverley MacDuff I feel to a very large extent Mrs. MacDuff has missed one very major point.

She is very critical of remuneration packages paid to municipal staff, and I agree some staff are grossly overpaid. The question is who should shoulder the blame: certainly not the staff. Who among us would not accept a fat remuneration package, given the opportunity?

The politicians have to accept some of the blame because it is they who negotiate the pay packages. They are fed a bunch of facts and figures, some accurate, some pure balderdash, and upon these facts they determine with a lot of help from union reps what the next three-year contract will provide in wages and benefits.

As yourself how many employees in the private sector are as well paid as municipal employee: the answer is very very few. Why is this allowed to happen? The answer is because we the rate payers allow it to happen! How do we allow this ridiculous situation to take place? Simply because we don't give a damn.

We don't vote, we have no opinion, we simply can't be bothered to get involved in our municipality's affairs. In our last municipal election the war where Mrs. MacDuff and I live, Ward Three, Highlands East, only 27 percent of the ratepayers bothered to cast a ballot, the lowest rate in Haliburton County.

So, Madam, you can rave about the new HST, the incompetence of our politicians, the hard times etc. etc. etc. The simple truth is that until we the ratepayers get off our collective butts and get involved we are going to get exactly what we deserve: lousy government! (At all levels.)

Madam, may I politely suggest if you not satisfied with the way our municipality is run, throw your hat in the ring.

Best Wishes, Chuck Viner
Gooderham. ■

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"We have both learned the meaning of true friendship and what it means to be a part of a community."

I would like to thank you for your story about the fundraiser that Ms Ziila and the Grade 11 drama class from HHSS put on for Dillon and I.

Every day I am in awe of Dillon's strength and determination as he battles cancer. It has been a life altering experience for the both of us.

I am also in awe of the support we have received from family, friends, and community. We have both learned the meaning of true friendship and what it means to be a part of a community. No words can express how grateful we both are to Ms. Ziila and the students. "You should all be very proud of yourselves knowing that you ensured Dillon would have a great Christmas. Christmas this year was not just about the gifts, it was about celebrating life and appreciating all that we truly have."

We lost my husband suddenly 11 weeks before Dillon's diagnoses and what helps us get through is knowing we have the love and support of a great high school and community.

Thank you so much
Sincerely,
Barb Bennett. ■

Dear Editor:

"Let's hear that hiss!"

An excellent letter from Bev MacDuff in your last issue on the HST. It made me want to start a campaign against it and, we should express our distaste to everyone in a way they remember it:

Don't just call it the H-S-T -pronounce it to show your dislike to everyone by calling it the "hiss!" and let's hear that hiss! Let's all join together and let people know we are ALL against it! If anyone is connected with the anti-hiss! Facebook site, please ask them to add it to their arsenal and spread the word, or rather the hisses.

And if you should happen to come across Rick Johnson, who doesn't seem to understand the impact it will have on our seniors, seasonal workers, and others suffering from the depression -- be sure you hiss at him, too -- ever Dalton McLiar if he should come close enough to the public to hear it!

Harvey Clarke
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Dysart Planning Process Continues

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time Martin has been finalizing an issues report and preparing draft policy documents. The review process is expected to continue through to June of this year and once Council officially adopts the OP amendment, it will be submitted to the County for approval.

Council started into the real meat of the document with a review of the sections detailing the basis of the plan and its objectives. The plan provides updated land use planning policies and builds on the foundation of earlier plans and is based on various background studies and initiatives undertaken by Dysart including a community visioning exercise and the streetscape project. It also recognizes the value of projects undertaken by various community groups (i.e. Built Form Guidelines (Haliburton BIA), the Master Cycling Plan and the Active Transportation Plan.)

Martin commented that the Basis and Objectives Section of the OP "provides background and useful information that allows the Ontario Municipal Board to gain insights into the perspective of the municipality and establishes a framework for more detailed policies."

Updates in this section of the plan include more detailed information reflecting the trends the municipality has experienced in seasonal versus permanent population. The permanent population in Dysart is increasing at an average rate of about one percent each year, with 23 percent of the population being over 65 years of age, almost double the national rate of 13.7 percent.

New objectives place greater emphasis on the conservation of cultural heritage resources which, as well as properties like the Rail's End Gallery and the Heritage House Cafe, now include historic porches. According to Martin the Ontario Heritage Act has given local Councils full discretion and authority to make decisions on how to best manage cultural heritage resources.

Martin advised the Council that this addition to the OP will support an application for cultural mapping (which is presently underway in Minden Hills). The updated OP will encourage development and redevelopment of properties within the Village to comply with the principles of Build Form Guidelines and encourage any development adjacent to cultural heritage resources to be appropriate in scale and character.

CAO Tammy McKelvey noted the impact this section would have on adjacent properties, leading to considerable discussion on this section. Deputy Reeve Bill Davis voiced concern about the possibility that it would preclude expansion in the downtown core. Reeve Murray Fearrey was concerned that adopting these requirements may require judgement calls from Council that could be brought into question. Councillor Andrea Roberts, however, commented that encouraging certain actions wasn't necessarily binding.

In response to concerns that Council's decisions could result in appeals to the OMB, Councillor Derek Knowles commented that Council should not live in fear of the OMB, adding that he felt the word 'encourage' was weak with no real consequences if the direction wasn't followed. Martin, however, clarified that later sections of the OP require certain design standards for the exterior of buildings, something that the municipality did not have in place before.

Following the lead of the PPS, the Dysart OP places greater emphasis on the need for, not only the municipality but developers as well to promote recreational opportunities and active healthy lifestyles wherever appropriate and economically viable to do so. Responding to further direction in the PPS, the plan will also encourage a range of housing types and densities as well as affordable housing and group homes.

According to Martin, the County has indicated a preference that access to developments be from municipal roads rather than county roads where speeds are higher. Clauses have been added in the Dysart OP to address that concern and to give the municipality the authority to require traffic studies to ensure that municipal roads have the capacity to accommodate larger type developments.

Martin also noted that during the OMB hearing for the Watercolours condominium it was apparent that there was little direction about access to roads. Greater emphasis has now been placed on

ensuring the safe and efficient movement of people (and goods) while ensuring regard for the natural and physical features in a given area. The new OP also emphasizes the need to plan road networks around the needs of pedestrians and other non motorized uses.

With some conditions, policy statements in the document suggest that the municipality may encourage new private roads that are created as common element

condominium roads and are serviced by a condominium corporation.

Fearrey commented that direct access to condominium development may not always be from municipal roads, but rather from condominium roads. It was agreed that exceptions for private and condominium roads should be included in the draft OP.

As the Council has recently considered a number of draft policies dealing with the use of unopened road allowances, Martin prepared several new clauses for Council's consideration. While general statements about the municipality having sole discretion to open or improve any portion of a road allowance for use by the public, for roads or for recreational purposes will remain in the OP, a separate, more detailed policy will be adopted by Council after further consideration of the ramifications.

More detail has also been included in the document addressing the closing and conveying of road allowances where they abut or are directly in front of a shoreline lot, where it resolves an encroachment issue of an abutting lot and alternate public access is available, where it addresses topographic constraints that hinders development or where the municipality has negotiated an exchange of land with the property owners to provide more suitable public road or water access. A number of conditions will apply to these transactions at the discretion of Council.

Stronger statements about the need for all medium density developments to be on the municipal sewage system have been included in the plan as well as the need for individual lots to have sufficient and suitable area to accommodate individual and on site water and sewage services. While the need for innovation has been recognized overall in the plan, and amendments can be made to the OP from time to time to recognize special circumstances in one of the Hamlet areas, there was

general agreement among the Council members that they did not want to assume the liability or risk associated with having to assume responsibility for a private sewage system if problems were encountered.

When it comes to private communal water systems considerable details have been added requiring hydro-geological and engineering studies as well as holding provisions in zoning by-laws for cases of residential developments of more than five units or for lots within the Village Service Area. While much of this has in place for the past three years, Martin noted that Watercolours was an excellent example of the need to strengthen this section of the OP.

A new section under General Development Policies has been included on settlement patterns promoting the municipality's unique character and protecting significant or sensitive resources and the health and safety of residents. Martin said, "This change coming from the PPS and County OP clearly defines a hierarchy of development that should be concentrated within the developed areas, with a focus on intensification and redevelopment."

Opportunities for intensification and redevelopment will be promoted through the creation of new uses for previously developed land, the development of vacant or underutilized lots, the expansion or conversion of existing buildings and the improvement or enhancement of facilities for active transportation.

A compact form of development will also be encouraged, subject to servicing requirements, for the Hamlets of Eagle Lake, Harcourt and West Guilford as secondary service centres.

One item that will be of interest to waterfront owners is the recognition in the OP that they are unique neighbourhoods and that there is a need to consider individual lake plans. Arising from direction in the PPS and County OP, there are also statements about the need for new development to be sustainable and to be considered within the context of sound environmental planning.

A new section has also been added in the general development policies encouraging a range of housing types in settlement, waterfront and rural areas. Medium density residential development will be directed to the Haliburton Village Service area where public infrastructure is available. In addition, affordable housing projects will be directed to areas where services are available to support the residents. In efforts to encourage and support affordable housing, Dysart may consider increased densities, smaller dwelling units, reduced parking requirements and alternative forms of tenure and may even provide relief from permit and approval fees.

When considering proposals to convert existing residential rental buildings to condominium ownership, applicants will be required to provide detailed background information to justify the proposal including, among other things, the vacancy rate for rental units in the area, the demographics of the tenants as well as the condition of the building and water and sewage disposal systems.

In consideration of the fact that many of the lakes in the area are already at capacity, the final decision of the day was the unanimous agreement that waterfront lots should go from a 150 foot minimum frontage to 200 feet, with minimum lot sizes of one acre.

The next four sections of the OP will be considered in detail by Council during their first meeting in February.

In discussion after the meeting, Fearrey said, "Sometimes the planning process is like a work in progress, particularly when Council and planning staff are dealing with new things on the market including condominium concepts like Watercolours or the Silver Beach development. We all learn from that. Our OP is a document predicated on something from years ago and always needs to be updated. The process helps the Council to make better decisions and make things much clearer for the public." ■

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To Those Other Movies-Goers

Due to a recent flood
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Movies scheduled for:

JANUARY 14- EASY VIRTUE- A British Comedy and
FEBRUARY 11- CAIRO TIME-Best Canadian Feature Film-TIFF
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The Biggest Endocrine Risk to your Dog or Cat?

Waistline, waistline, waistline!

By Dr. Carol Sanio, Minden Animal Clinic



Obesity in dogs and cats is increasing annually. Our understanding of the metabolic, physiologic and endocrine changes that occur in obese animals improves yearly as well. The extra accumulation of adipose tissue in the body due to an imbalance of energy intake (food) and energy expenditure (exercise) influences the pets overall health and well-being in many ways. It has been reported, in the US at least, that between 30 percent and 40 percent of pets are obese.

What is the cause of obesity? Well that seems simple really but to define it, it is merely more energy goes in than needed for the life style of the pet. Unfortunately, some people think that it is kind to feed animals scraps from the table, snacks all day long especially after "sitting pretty". Dogs near their owners at meal time tend to eat much more. Genetics plays a part as well. Most Labrador retrievers have an insatiable appetite so do not do well with "free feeding" and clearly

do not need owners that believe "food is love" as they will insist on being "loved" all day long.

Some people think that neutering animals causes obesity. Well there is actually some truth to that but extra calories are required as well. The age of the animal when it is neutered is usually about the age that pets need to eat a bit less because they are growing much less. The caloric requirements decrease with age. So, if your dog is neutered and you continue to feed the same amount of food as you were feeding before they were neutered, you end up with an overweight pet. Researchers have found evidence of dysregulation of adipose tissue lipid metabolism after neutering, but no cause-and-effect relationship has been found, we just know that it happens. Some think it has to do with hormonal changes but it has not been proven.

There are also some metabolic disease states that cause obesity. They are more common in some breeds so a genetic link is suspected. Hyperadrenocorticism and hypothyroidism, are diseases of the endocrine system and both can cause obesity in dogs. Some drugs, like prednisone and phenobarbital can cause increased appetite and weight gain as well.

Why is this important for pet owners to know? Well prevention is easy and cheap, really. Feed less, prevent obesity and have a pet live longer and healthier.

Obese dogs and cats are susceptible to similar problems that obese humans are, including shorter life span, osteoarthritis, diabetes, heart disease, heat intolerance, urethral sphincter incompetence, increased anaesthetic risk, and prolonged surgical procedures.

Researchers have found that dogs on energy restricted diets live an average of two human years longer! They also had a reduced incidence of hip dysplasia, tracheal collapse, dystocia and osteoarthritis to name but a few. Of course, this is not true across the board, but it is statistically true.

The link between obesity and diabetes is quite clear in cats but the solution is far from clear. Cats, once obese are exceptionally hard to get weight off. You need to trick the body into thinking it must increase its metabolic rate when the caloric intake is low. Usually the cat's body will think it is a famine and slow everything down, requiring even fewer calories to do what cats do. Strict weight loss diets are a necessity to get cats losing weight. Dogs are not quite as difficult as we can exercise them more, feed less and we even have medication they can take to make them feel full and not want to eat any more than they actually need.

Obesity affects our pets just as much as humans. The increased risk of disease, breathing difficulties, arthritis, and diabetes is preventable; just keep the extra pounds off. Luckily our pets depend on us for their food so we can control the amounts our pets eat. Meal feeding rather than free choice feeding is generally a better method and much easier for us to regulate the daily intake of calories. Extra walks are surely on your New Years Resolution List this year. Why not take the dog too?

Happy New Year from all of us at the Minden Animal Clinic. ■

Bootie Call*

Fundraiser for Haliburton's Iditarod Team
January 23rd - Pinestone Resort



Events for the day

2-4 pm Meet and greet Hank and the Iditarod team. Dogsled rides for kids.
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6:30 pm Dinner, Auction, Iditarod Movie and Dog Show - The Iditarod Team Live!



Tickets must be reserved by January 19th, 2010
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* Hank's team will wear out more than 1300 dog booties running Iditarod.

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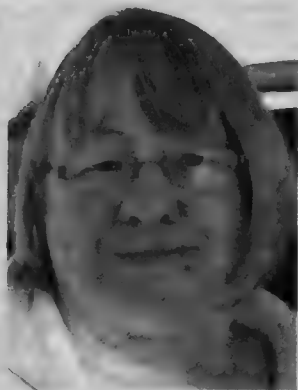
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Have Your Say... VOX POP

Are you going to Frost Fest this year? Did you go last year? Do you have any other plans on the Family Day holiday?



Sandra Roberts, Haliburton



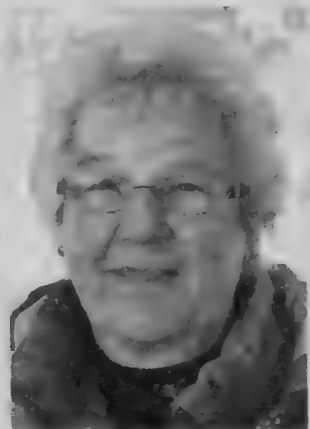
Stephanie Zavitz, West Guilford

It looks interesting and something that I could take the grandchildren to, it's good for the community and getting you out of the house. I don't have any other plans for the family day weekend but it's a great holiday. Alberta have been doing it for many years now, as most places are open on Sundays now there isn't much time for family time.

It was fantastic last year, it's a great thing for a little town like Haliburton. There were fabulous activities like the dog sledding which you wouldn't get in most other places and which my son tried out and he probably wouldn't have got the chance otherwise. We don't have any other plans for the weekend we'll be there for Frost Fest again though.



Ray Selbie, Haliburton



Ruby Parcells, Minden

We went to it last year and it went really well for the community I think, anything that keeps you warm in winter is a good thing. We don't have any other plans for family day weekend but we'll be going to it again. It's a really good idea and it gives people something to do in the winter and it's a chance for everybody to be together.

It's great for the community, anything to get children involved is a good thing, I didn't go last year but I heard about it on the radio and I think I'll go this year, anything to support the community and especially for an event for children.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Hemispheric Freeze

Even with brutal wintry conditions currently chilling many parts of Asia, Europe and North America, 2009 will rank among the world's 10 warmest years since 1880. That's probably little consolation for people in Britain, northeastern China and the Korean peninsula who have been experiencing the coldest and snowiest conditions in decades. Bitter cold also killed nearly 200 people across the Indian subcontinent during the first week of 2010. America's heartland remained in the grip of a bitter freeze that threatened to destroy citrus and other crops as far south as Florida. "It's part of natural variability," said Gerald Meehl, a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo. With global warming, he said, "we'll still have record cold temperatures ... just fewer of them."

Ancient Climate Fatality

The famed and timeless quiver trees that grow in parts of South Africa and neighboring Namibia have begun dying over the past few years, with officials cautioning that they are the latest victims of climate change. The tree, also known as *aloe dichotoma*, can live to be more than 300 years old. But large clusters of them have withered and toppled during the past decade, causing alarm among the Bushman and San people who use their branches for bows. "The quiver tree is noted for its drought tolerance and longevity, but it may be operating at the edge of its physiological tolerance," said Wendy Foden in a report published by the Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. A Namibian government report in 2008 said that temperatures have risen about 2 degrees Fahrenheit over the past century as the country became the driest south of the Sahara.

Congo Eruption

An expansive flow of lava spewing from Nyamulagira volcano has spared the human population in far eastern parts of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, but the animal population might not be so fortunate. U.N. peacekeepers in the troubled region have used aircraft to monitor the flow of the lava, aiding rangers on the ground who help protect the local endangered apes and chimpanzees. According to officials at Virunga National Park, the eruption has been "very destructive" to the chimpanzee range on the western slope of the vast volcano.

Earthquakes

The strongest in a series of powerful South Pacific earthquakes just off the Solomon Islands unleashed a tsunami that struck several coastal villages. Hundreds of homes were damaged or destroyed, but there were no reports of fatalities.

- A powerful non-fatal quake centered along Central Asia's Hindu Kush mountain range left about 20,000 people homeless in parts of Tajikistan.

- Earth movements were also felt in northwest Pakistan, New Zealand's North Island, central Peru, eastern Venezuela and along the California-Mexico border.

Catastrophic Decline

Losses to insurance companies from natural disasters fell by more than half in 2009 due to less frequent hurricanes and earthquakes, according to the leading reinsurer Munich Re AG. In its annual review, the company pointed to an exception in the United States, where climate change contributed to a significant increase in damages and losses from tornadoes, severe storms and flooding.

Animal-Human Diseases

Medical experts warn that dozens of new diseases with origins in the wild have found new homes in human bodies over the past two decades due to climate change, environmental degradation and urbanization of the planet. Writing in the journal *Bioscience*, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency health scientist Montira Pongsiri and colleagues say that a host of new illnesses that can be passed from animals to humans are waiting around the corner. "We appear to be undergoing a distinct change in global disease ecology," Pongsiri told *The Independent*. "The recent emergence of infectious diseases (such as swine flu and SARS) appears to be driven by globalization and ecological disruption."

Bunny Fuel

Hordes of rabbits, some abandoned by their owners or escaped, are being killed, frozen and converted to biofuel for heating homes in Sweden. The practice has been criticized by Sweden's Society for the Protection of Wild Rabbits, but officials say the fuzzy hoppers are a major pest, doing considerable damage to parks, homes and infrastructure each year. "It is in winter they do the most damage. Then they eat tree bark, wood, anything. This is when they cause the most costly damage," said Tommy Tuvunger at the Stockholm Traffic Office. Thousands of the rabbits have been shot by two specially hired people who usually go out at dawn and use guns with silencers. They are then deep-frozen and taken to a Daka Biodiesel plant in central Sweden for incineration as fuel.

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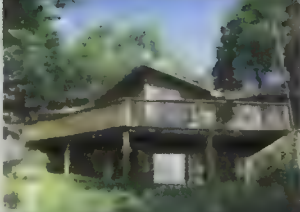
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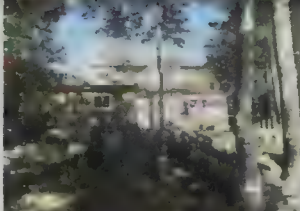
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**Linda* Baumgartner & Troy Austen**
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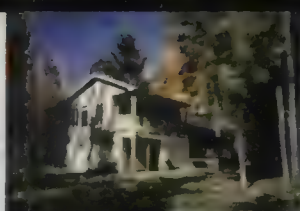
148 ft. of beautiful shoreline, nice sand beach with deeper water for docking your boats. 3 bdrms, 3 baths in the main building, cathedral ceilings, stone fireplace, skylights, pine flooring and main floor laundry. Large master bedroom with its own private balcony and ensuite bath. Totally equipped 2 bdrm guest cottage with a wet kitchen and 3 pc bath, gazebo, double wet slip boathouse and change room/bunkie at the waters edge. southern exposures provides plenty sunshine. large sitting deck at the waters. Must to see!

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Fur Harvesters Annual Workshop

by Zoe Cittern

The fur trade has been a significant part of Canada's history for the last 500 years and although animal trapping still plays an integral part in a steady percentage of Canadians lives the century old tradition is not necessarily something the average person gets to see. January 9th saw the return of the annual Minden district fur harvesters workshop held at the Minden community centre. Taxidermists, fur demonstrations, judging of fur bundles, fur accessories and fashions and trapping supplies were all part of the event last Saturday.

Although some Canadians still trap as a profession, for most trappers in the Haliburton county area it's treated as a hobby and as a form of pest control rather than catching the animal for its fur. Paul Arkwright, president of the Minden district fur harvesters and who began trapping 50 years ago, says that "in the past five or seven years there has been a large increase in the number of beavers compared to 15 years ago. They cause a lot of trouble, building nuisance dams which flood roads." Trapping allows an animal population to be controlled. Anne Kulmala of Kulmalas Furs in Fenelon Falls says that "if these guys didn't look after the population, it would be over run, the animals would become sick and diseased and eventually the animals would disappear. By controlling the population it's looking after the animals and making sure they and their habitat don't become extinct." Around 80 or 90 percent of the products that Anne sells; hats, mitts, ear muffs, head warmers are made from recycled fur, mostly from old coats. She adds that "I want to see people reusing it again and getting it going again." Fur trappers not only use the fur and control population sizes but also the meat is consumed, Paul states that "bear meat is some of the best meat I've ever tasted."

Phil Tamlin, an avid fur trapper who has been trapping since he was in grade one, says "it's hard to make a living out of it, I got my boys and daughter into it. For most kids growing up it was hockey and other sports but for my kids it was trapping and fishing. Its fun, all the guys get together and go to the hunting camp. There are lots of women in the fur industry, my daughter teaches fur demonstrations and has become very successful at it along with my sons."

Animal hides are cleaned to get rid of the fat as the oil and grease will spoil the hide. They are then stretched and dried in a shed with temperatures of 60 or 70 degree Celsius. The fur hides from Saturday will be eventually taken to North Bay where they are sold at the Fur Harvesters auction. The fur which used to be processed in Montreal and New York is now completed in China and then is shipped back to the fur buyer.

Competitors brought in their fur hides which they had dried and skinned at home for the fur competition and they were assessed on the quality of the fur, the neatness of the hide amongst other things. Weasels, beavers, coyotes, raccoons, wolves and foxes were some of the animal skins vying for first place. Fur trappers in this district mostly come across otters, beavers, fishers and martens. Paul says that "so many years ago you could trap wherever you liked but people were killing animals everywhere and there had to be restrictions enforced. There are now distinct zones in which you can only trap in, for your first trapping license you have to complete the Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course which is 40 hours and then the students have to complete a written and practical test in order to successfully receive a trapping licence."

According to the North Bay Nugget newspaper, "prices at the auction for all species rose between 10 percent and 125 percent. The auction brought out 39 buyers from as far away as China, Turkey and Italy. After seeing prices drop last year due to the recession, this year's sale saw prices rise for every species." ■



Cody Tamlin cleans fat of an animal hide



Anne Kulmala of Kulmala Furs, behind her stand selling her fur products made from mostly recycled fur coats



Paul Arkwright, president of the Minden District Fur Harvesters



Brian Austen skins a locally caught Maarten



Alzheimers Rates Could More than Double in Thirty Years

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter

Alzheimer's: a debilitating, progressive and degenerative disease which is often masked as a symptom of old age. A report named 'The Rising Tide; Impact of Dementia on Canadian Society' says that if nothing changes in 30 years there will be one new case of dementia diagnosed every two minutes: that rate is currently set at five. In turn this would have a pinball affect on the cost of health care which would dramatically increase from \$15 billion a year to \$153 billion dollars a year by 2038. In Ontario during the same time period, the number of individuals living with dementia will reach almost 400 thousand and the number of new annual cases will triple to close to 100,000. According to the report there are an estimated 375 diagnosed cases in Haliburton County.

January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month for all Alzheimer's societies throughout Canada and the startling statistics won't lessen if the proper research, monetary funds and care aren't channelled into an action plan. Alzheimer's doesn't just have an affect on the person diagnosed: if their caregiver isn't provided with support and help it can snowball further with sometimes terrible effect.

After diagnosis patients are referred to the Alzheimer's Society, they are sent information and they are also directed to SIRCH community services. Contracted by the Alzheimer's Society, SIRCH runs a caregiver support group once a month which involves education, peer support and sharing. Lynn Higgs Thompson, Alzheimer Client Services Coordinator at SIRCH says "each person can learn from each other. Many of the caregivers who have been at the group for a while share their experiences with newer members and support them." Respite care is also delivered through Victorian Order of Nurses adult day program. The programs run twice a week in Minden at the auditorium in Hyland Crest and once a week at Community Care Haliburton County. Lynn explains that "it gives a break to the caregiver who might like to just spend time by themselves at the house or go into town. It also gives mental and physical stimulation to the patient."

In Haliburton County there are three long term care facilities for patients whose caregivers are no longer able to provide adequate support, Extencicare Haliburton, Highland Wood and Hyland Crest. Between the three facilities there is only one respite bed at Hyland crest available. Carol Browne, registered nurse at the Family Health Team who is a program co-ordinator for Seniors Health says that "it's really too bad because it's about support." Rates for long term facilities are set by the government, it costs \$34.52 a day for respite care at Hyland crest and from \$1614 to \$2162 a month in a long term care facility in Haliburton.

The Central East Community Care Access Centre in Haliburton provides in home service support such as helping with meal preparation and bath help. However in the last year the Haliburton Access

Centre amalgamated with other areas such as Durham and parts of Scarborough. Scarborough had a large debt so so in turn there had to be a cutback in services and there are now waiting lists for most services provided by the Access Centre, whereas before they had no waiting lists. As well, there simply aren't enough nurses to cover all the hours.

There are certain risk factors that can increase your chances of getting Alzheimer's such as type two diabetes, obesity, past head injuries, stroke, high cholesterol, clinical depression amongst others. However there are ways to reduce the risk such as maintaining a healthy diet and heart, aerobic exercise, leading an active social life and stimulating your brain with puzzles, crosswords and sudoku. While Alzheimer's care has come a far way in the past few years Canada is still lagging behind other countries such as Australia, Norway, the Netherlands, France and the United Kingdom which have all developed specific plans or frameworks for dealing with dementia. Lynn explains that "there isn't a provincial strategy that deals specifically with dementia." The Rising Tide report tested the impact of four potential intervention scenarios; increasing physical activity, delay onset of dementia, caregiver training and support, and system navigation. All showed the potential for dramatic reductions in economic impact over the next 30 years.

Research is one of the key instruments in understanding the disease and finding better diagnostic methods. Educating people about the disease is also a factor. Carol explains that "there are still stigmas attached to mental health. People can feel isolated especially when there is a lack of in home respite, they feel alone with a disease like Alzheimer's and it's important to change that. If the patient was the sole driver for the couple when they lose their license they become even more isolated especially in an area like Haliburton with no public transport."

Alzheimer's is not just a shock to the patients and caregiver it can also have a detrimental effect on the lifestyle and work. Lynn explains that "there are many costs involved with the disease. If the couple were dependent upon just the patient's income when that stops and the costs for drugs, transportation, respite and long term care is taken into account it takes a toll on all areas of life. The caregiver may eventually have to cease working so again there are more monetary problems. Alzheimer's care costs billions."

After dedicating 20 years as a nurse in long term care through the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, Carol works with seniors in the community. Lynn worked in social services for a number of years and then branched into senior care, she says that "I value seniors in our communities, we need to change the stereotypes that are out there and I'm hoping to make changes for people to stay active." If you would like to seek support or have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and need help contact Lynn at 457-1742 ex 36. ■



Left: Carol Browne & Lynn Higgs Thompson

Highlands Summer Festival 2010

Audition Call

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The Goodbye Girl by Neil Simon, Marvin Hamlisch & David Zippel

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Female 45-55

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Minden Hills – 2009 in Review

Liz Daniels

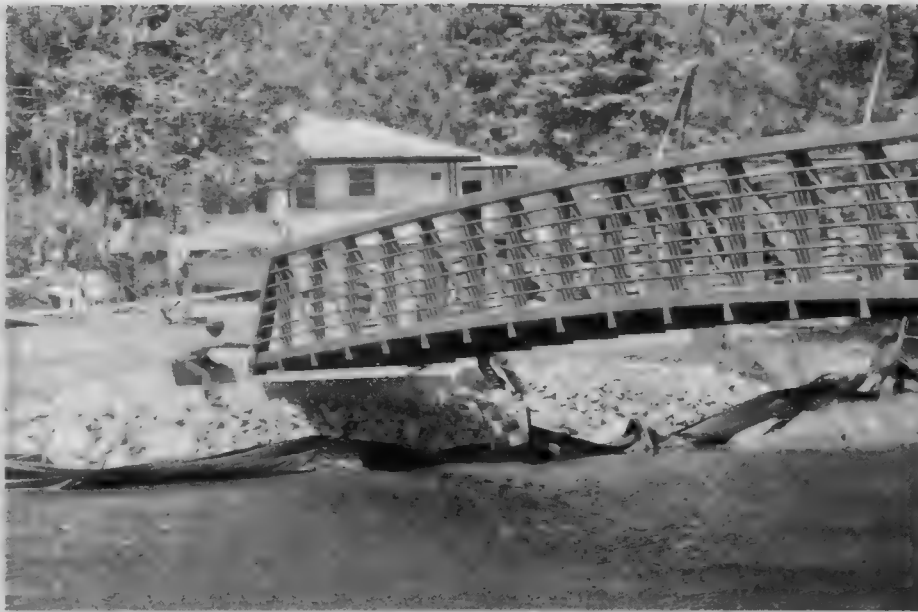
Staff Reporter

There's no doubt that it's been a topsy turvy year for Minden Hills. While critics of Council bemoaned its financial acumen and questioned the levels of transparency at the beginning of the year when budget details became public knowledge, in many ways it was also a very exciting and successful year with a number of accomplishments to be proud of.

Reeve Jim McMahon said, "It's always a challenge to balance the books, while at the same time trying to move forward and be progressive." And calling it a challenge may be an understatement, particularly when the Council was faced with a considerable shortfall from 2008, compounded by whopping increases in assessment across the board. The tax rates that Council finally set topped the scales of levies in the County with a 12.4 percent increase.

In May the Council struck a Finance Committee to keep a close eye on finances. That, combined with careful financial management by Treasurer Lorrie Blanchard and a relatively cautious approach by many of the Council members throughout the year, appears to have paid off as by year end, reports of a modest surplus were heard.

Very early in the year, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association made a pitch to Council to partner on a removable snowmobile bridge that would span the Gull River close to the downtown core. The bridge swings out and is capable of becoming a summer docking area for boating enthusiasts, but its installation was mainly geared towards improving access by sleds to the downtown core and the community's reputation as a snowmobile destination. A crane has been booked to install the bridge and it will become a reality on January 19th.



Discussions and strongly opposing opinions were voiced at meetings throughout the year about whether or not to proceed with a comprehensive economic development plan. Funding initially earmarked for the plan was diverted to other areas, including the new library as priorities shifted and Council determined that they should move forward with restraint. Discussions initiated with representatives of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, although seemingly shelved earlier in the year, were renewed by management staff and the plan is expected to remain a priority during budget deliberations in 2010.

When it came to Sesquicentennial

celebrations, McMahon said, "This has been one of the busiest years that we have had in my history in politics." Speaking with considerable pride of the celebration activities that included a number of signature events, McMahon had nothing but praise for the hard work of the committee comprised of volunteers and several council members and he offered his sincere congratulations to them all. "Some events were very successful and we hope to continue with them as time goes on." He also commented that while others were not quite as successful, "you never know if you don't try."

"It was a very exciting year," he said, adding that his favourite event was New Years Eve with the bonfire and sleigh rides. "It was all about children and families which always makes those events special for me." McMahon also said that the 150 Bike Tour was another event that was very successful. "To see all of the bike enthusiasts show up and get them on their way was different for us all, but it was wonderful to have attracted as many people as we did for a new event." McMahon made special mention of Penny and Bill Obee; "They did a wonderful job organizing that event."



hold and revisited during 2010 budget discussions.

Despite the delay in the development of the Canadian Tire Store on Highway 35, in October the Brown Owl, affectionately known as 'the Dirty Bird' finally bit the dust. The cleared and level appearance of the lot has gone a long way towards improving the appearance of what is the entrance to the community. Construction of the store is still expected to get underway some time during 2010 after the municipality has completed the new water tower.

Turning to more accomplishments, McMahon said, "The opening of our new library was a real coup and the Riverwalk bridge was like a dream come true; something that no one thought would happen." McMahon chuckled and said, "It's funny, some of the folks that were negative about it may very well be the ones that are using it the most."

The Riverwalk project was considered to be a great success. The community got top billing in the County with the approval of their Building Canada application for a total of just over \$1.5 million dollars which included the installation of the graceful 'Loggers Crossing' bridge that spans the river across from Clergy House and covers the cost of the snowmobile bridge. McMahon said, "We're also moving ahead with a walkway bridge behind Clergy House, a project that has to be completed by March 31st or we will lose the funding."

McMahon said that receiving this special funding from the province and federal government was, to him, the highlight of the year. "We did very

well without taking advantage of the situation and the work creation and economic impact will be huge." Minden Hills also received \$428,000 in Stimulus Funding to upgrade the headers, ice surface and boards in the arena. This will also complete a number of health & safety improvements that the municipality has been facing at the arena.

"Another big plus was the Lutterworth Pines water system," he said. "The system is all ready to go except for the back-up generator but we can't open the plant up without it. We couldn't have done this project without the help of outside funding; the feds came to the table with the distribution system and the province came forward with money for the well and the plant."

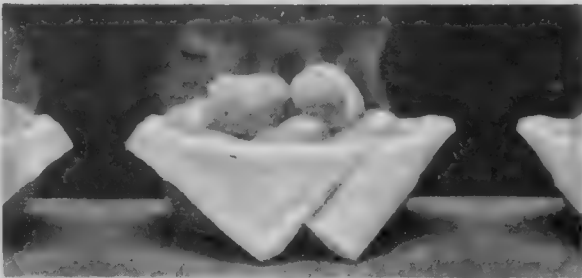
Just as the hockey season was set to get underway, the Council received news that the Minden Hills River Kings, an exciting addition to the community in 2008, would be withdrawing from the league. This news was particularly disappointing given the amount of money invested in preparing the arena for the team; a substantial over-expenditure that to some extent led to the financial shortfall at the end of 2008.

In December the community was officially declared a disaster area as record breaking snowfalls buried the community. "We got really hammered by the storm," McMahon said. He spoke of the challenge to dig out a community that is so spread out. "Unfortunately, in order to get to the folks in the east we had to plow our way through and while the majority were understanding some people got a bit claustrophobic when their roads weren't done." McMahon said that resources were stretched to the limit and that everyone had done the best job they could under the circumstances. Negotiations are underway with representatives of Municipal Affairs and Housing to recover the extraordinary costs associated with digging the community out from under this dramatic snowfall, but McMahon wasn't optimistic about the success of their request.

As to future challenges, McMahon said, "Unfortunately 2010 is an election year and some members of Council will not want a tax increase for that reason. People don't mind an increase if they can see the end result." When asked what his priorities were, McMahon said his vision for a BIA for the downtown area is essential, right along with an economic development master plan, so they would have clear direction for growth. "But it all comes with a price tag attached. We also have ongoing infrastructure needs and it will be a real balancing act this year to prioritize what is important." ■

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In October the Riverwalk Committee and Cultural Centre Director Daniela Pagliaro asked Council to consider an extension to Riverwalk which would include a boardwalk through to the Cultural Centre and an outdoor program space at the Riverwalk trailhead. Deputy Reeve Murdoch was a strong supporter of this project and in a 'damn the torpedoes' approach, said she wanted to see it completed within her term of office.

While the work would complete the Riverwalk Master Plan, Council was still a bit gun shy and cautious in their approach to another large and unplanned expense. When weighed against other priorities, it was agreed that the project would be put on

Highlands East in 2009

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

Fire department operations and the necessary infrastructure to support them seemed to be running neck and neck with feral cats to head the list of challenges that faced the Highlands East Council throughout 2009 and finding solutions for these often contentious issues has not met with 100 percent success. By year end, while progress was made in both areas, no definitive answers had been reached by Council.

But under CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig's tutelage, the year got off to an excellent start with a \$250,000 surplus from the previous year that went a long way to helping the year's operations after Council struck what was considered a 'bare bones budget.' Despite hefty increases in assessment to residents that averaged 11 percent, the Council agreed to decrease tax rates by just over eight percent from the previous year which helped many residents during what was an otherwise very difficult financial year.

As complaints continued to flow into the municipality from outraged citizens about feral cats, it became increasingly clear that a solution had to be found.

Efforts to work out a compromise with the animal shelter in Faraday for handling of the animals proved unsuccessful as the shelter's Board decided it should only be handling dogs. Subsequent discussions with the Ministry of the Environment about placing a shelter at one of the landfill sites also proved problematic when officials advised the municipality that an official amendment would be required to their certificate of approval for the landfill. While the Council finally agreed in the late fall to build a shelter and initiate a trap, neuter and release program in cooperation with animal activist Bud Friesman, the details of the program and a location for the shelter are still being finalized.

Reeve Dave Burton said, "We were certainly under considerable pressure from residents and the cats were creating health issues in some areas. The TSN program and getting a shelter set up and running will be a humane compromise to a very long standing problem."

When it comes to the Fire Department, Burton said, "From an operational perspective the department has been working very well and the Council has certainly been supporting and encouraging the training initiatives recommended by our Fire Chief." This year the municipality purchased two new pumper trucks to complement the two tankers that arrived last fall and the department is now able to work with state of the art equipment when responding to calls.

One of the recommendations in their newly created draft Fire Master Plan that generated a lot of heat with the Council was to replace the firehall in Wilberforce with a combined administrative building/firehall. While this recommendation ties in to some extent with ongoing discussions about the disposal of municipal facilities that became surplus with amalgamation, it was a plan that had several members of Council pretty hot under the collar. Council has, very tentatively, agreed that over time the number of halls will be reduced and new halls built in Wilberforce and on the Huston Road at some point in the future.

Burton said, "We kicked ideas around about the fire department throughout the year, particularly as amalgamating the departments has been something that was recommended to us. It is our duty and responsibility to make the operation more efficient while continuing to provide excellent service."



Burton confirmed that there are a few health & safety issues in several of the halls that need to be resolved. "Given the cost to do so has made us take a much harder look at replacement and consolidation in some way. It is unfortunate," he said reluctantly, "that the draft fire master plan prepared by our consultant has raised concerns that made the process that much more difficult. There are considerable savings to be realized by amalgamating these halls, but with differing thoughts on how to proceed it makes it very difficult to come up with a hard and fast plan."

And Burton isn't exaggerating. There have been a number of very heated discussions about the fire department throughout the year, with recommendations to reduce the number of volunteers, closing several of the halls and downsizing of equipment to name a few, dividing the Council to the extent that it has been difficult to proceed. Finally, at the end of the year, the Council unanimously agreed to close and sell the Tory Hill Hall and to work towards utilizing the Highlands Grove Hall more for storage than anything else.

During 2008 the Council found themselves bombarded with complaints about their building department. Since that time though, a new code of conduct was developed for the Chief Building Official, the department has moved to the municipal office in Gooderham and the complaints have dwindled down to little more than the usual concerns that surround frustrated developers anxious to get their projects off the ground.

Burton told the Voice said that he saw the strategic planning process that has been ongoing this year as a real achievement. "We have made considerable headway on developing a strategic plan for the future." The Council has worked with Municipal Affairs Consultant Judy Coward to develop a vision, their mission statement and they have completed an analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the community. "The Strategic Plan will establish a guide for the future and the process has proved to be an excellent opportunity for Council to brainstorm and take the time to look at a number of things that need to be addressed over the next few years. I think we have come up with some very exciting ideas."

Highlands East was also successful in their Building Canada application to upgrade a portion of Hadlington Road. The total project cost was just over \$750,000 to complete ditching, culverts, gravel and hardtop. Burton said, "This will decrease our maintenance costs considerably. It seemed like we always had a grader on the road during the summer."

The municipality also received \$300,000 for brushing

all of the municipal roads. The funding, which covered 100 percent of the project came through the Community Adjustment Fund which is part of the Southern Ontario Development Agency. Burton said, "This will improve the safety of our roads considerably and provide a number of employment opportunities on the short term."

Highlands East was also successful in receiving funding through the National Trails Coalition and the Ontario Federation of Trail Riders to complete pathway work throughout the community of Cardiff, as well as make improvements to sections of the IB&O Rail Trail, which continues to be a multi use trail for users of all types. Reaching an agreement on areas where work should be done on the pathways in Cardiff was a bit of a bumpy ride, but the work has been successfully completed and Burton said he is very pleased that the community has been made safer and more accessible for seniors and for the kids going to school.

Early in the summer, Council heard a proposal by a developer to convert the old veneer plant on Dark Lake in Wilberforce into a condominium development. As it has been some time since the community has seen a development of this type and magnitude, Burton said, "We were very excited to see the potential for a condominium development, but unfortunately, while the property owner assures us that he is working on the necessary studies, we have had no recent input on the status of the project."

In the fall of 2008 the Trillium Lakelands District School Board of Trustees appointed a committee (PARC) as part of the Program and Accommodation Review for both the Cardiff Elementary School and Wilberforce Schools. The review process that continued through 2009 included numerous public meetings, and while relatively successful in its conclusion, at times pitted parent against parent. Concerns about mould and poor ventilation and accusations of covering up problems in the schools only heightened the frustration of parents concerned that one of the two schools would be closed. In December a decision to support the Committee's recommendation to keep both schools open was finally announced, although a division of grades and different bussing schedules will be in place next year.

On the review process, Burton said he had little comment to make other than the fact that Councillor Suzanne Partridge had done an excellent job as part of the review committee and that, unfortunately, it had been a difficult process for both communities and a number of children have already been transferred to other schools.

Lastly Burton said that one of the biggest challenges facing Highlands East was the recent announcement that there would be significant cuts made by the Provincial government to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund established to assist municipalities with their share of social program costs. The fund also includes equalization measures for areas with limited property assessment and, second to the County, Highlands East was hit the hardest in Haliburton. "Next year there will be even more cuts and I'm not sure just how we'll deal with them. It's scary as hell, because we can't cut services and we don't want to raise taxes."

"We're going to have to become more and more creative in order to continue to provide the same levels of service that we have seen in the past and accomplish some of the projects that are absolutely necessary." ■

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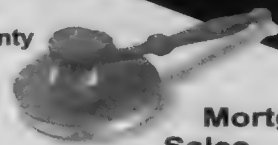
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I think my favorite sport in the Olympics is the one in which you make your way through the snow, you stop, you shoot a gun, and then you continue on. In most of the world, it is known as the biathlon, except in New York City, where it is known as winter.

~Michael Ventre, L.A. Daily News

Red Hawks Win Again 4 - 3 Versus Crestwood

by Evan Norrish
Sports Reporter

It was a game full of excitement and energy on Monday at the Haliburton arena when the Red Hawks hosted a game against the AAA team from Peterborough's Crestwood High School. Tensions were high when #71, Ashton Haley got called on a hooking penalty with only 15 seconds gone in the first period, but the Hawks didn't let that discourage them. Just three minutes later the Hawks got back a two player advantage.

The team kept the pressure on Crestwood and got the first goal 9:47 into the game. There was lots of action back and forth as the first period came to an end and with 3:47 at the end of the first period #22 Matt Rae scored Haliburton's second goal. Now the Hawks had to keep their stick on the ice to make sure they had the first period in the palm of their hands but it was a hard task against the Crestwood offence. With only 2:23 left in the first period Crestwood scored to make it 2-1 Haliburton.

The second period was full of action; both teams went back and forth, the defense of the Hawks defiantly put on a show for the home town Haliburton crowd. Goalie Patty Manuge pulled out a number of great saves to make sure the puck stayed out of his net in the remaining time of the second period even though the AAA team of Crestwood didn't let up and kept the pressure on him and the defense. As time ran out in the period the score stayed the same as at the end of the first 2-1 for the Hawks. Tensions and intentions were high for the third period.

When the third period started the Hawks were on the ice and ready and fighting to get control of the puck: their persistence played off when Brett Yake of Haliburton got their third goal in the third period to make the score 3-1. At this point the crowd was on the edge of their seats to see if the undermanned Hawks could keep their lead. But with just 6:21 left on the clock Defenseman and Captain Matt Rae of the Haliburton Hawks was put out of the game for a tripping penalty: the game was delayed and #14 of the Crestwood team was taken off the ice due to his injury. The Hawks now had a five minute penalty with only a short amount of time left in the third period, then Crestwood got their second goal to make it 3-2. Haliburton didn't let up and only seconds later forward Ashton Haley got the unassisted fourth goal to restore the two-point advantage but Crestwood came right back and with only 14.3 seconds left in the third period managed to get around the Haliburton defense and score their third and final goal.

With only five seconds left the adrenalin was high and so were the penalties for Crestwood #19 for holding and a then two more Crestwood players were assessed a "travesty of game" penalty (which the refs admitted is very rarely called). The end result was 4-3 for the Haliburton Red Hawks. "An excellent game," said Coach Ron Yake. "There is always room for improvement, but I'm more than happy with the outcome of the game."



The Highland Storm Atom AEs are finalists in the 11th Annual International Silver Stick AE Finals!!

Submitted by Karena Crofts



Back row: Greg Turner asst trainer, Jim O'Neill coach, Kev Crofts Jr. trainer, Peter Dobie asst coach - Middle Row: Greg Crofts, Jake Bull, Ryan Prentice, Jacob Haedicke, Jack Dobie, Trevor Turner - Front: Owen Smith, Carter O'Neill, Devyn Prentice, Alex Wilbee, - Anthony Bertucca (goalie)

The Highland Storm Atom AEs travelled to Niagara Falls last Wednesday, Jan 6th, to participate in the 11th Annual International Silver Stick AE Finals from Jan 7 thru 10th.

This year the tournament hosted the most ever teams from Canada and the US with 72 teams and approximately 1100 hockey players competing in five age levels from Novice to Midget. These teams are champions from their division, from regional Silver Stick AE tournaments, like the one hosted in December in Haliburton by the Highland Storm. From the Atom AE division the original number of teams who went to the regionals was approximately 256 with only the champions moving forward to the International competition.

Games are played at Fort Erie, which has two rinks one an NHL size. The Storm played their games there on this rink and then in St Catharines Seymour-Hannah Centre which boasts four rinks. All the Storms' games were in the morning the earliest

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The Hawks put on a great game even though four of their players were out because of injuries. The Haliburton Red Hawks next couple of games will be away when they take on Thomas Aquinas school on Thursday January 14th and again on Monday January 18th at Cobourg West. □

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Local Curler will Represent Ontario at National Bonspiel

Lyn Winans

Photojournalist

Jake Walker and his rink will be Ontario's representatives at the national junior curling championship in Sorel-Tracy, Quebec on January 16th through 24th. Walker, along with team mates Craig Van Ymeren, Geoff Chambers, Matt Mapletoft and coach John Thompson earned their way to the Canadian championship by ousting Navan, the team viced by fellow county curler, Ed Cyr, during the championship game at the provincial bonspiel in Teeswater last week.

At the end of the round-robin



Jake Walker, Craig Van Ymeren, Geoff Chambers, Matt Mapletoft and Coach John Thompson.

portion of the bonspiel, Cyr's team was 7-0, and Walker's 6-1, having lost to Navan in the final game of regular play. The Westmount Golf and Country Club rink skipped by Walker, saved its best for when it really counted. The Team defeated their toughest competitor by six points during the rematch, the championship final.

Connor Duhaime's rink representing the Peterborough Curling Club finished the tourney in 5th place with a 2-5 record. While "old-timers" Walker and Cyr will move to the men's circuit next year (over 20), Duhaime, another top ranked local curler, will continue to compete in the junior division for the 2010-2011 season.

When asked for his perspective on the recent provincial championship, Walker's first comment was, "this provincial championship my team just won and my personal performance is dedicated to my Grandpa Lionel." Walker's grandfather had passed away a week before his grandson won the provincial championship.

During the deciding game of the bonspiel, the only rink that had defeated them in the round robin once again confronted Walker's Westmount team. "So, going into the final game there was a little bit of nervousness", Walker admitted, "but I tried to limit the jitters so that I didn't get out of control mentally. Craig (my vice) issued me some words of encouragement before the game: "Don't worry about this game. It shouldn't be treated as anything different than a regular game." He and Geoff (my second) were on the provincial champion team in 2008 so they are both experienced with this type of situation. Generally, I can handle pressure very well, and without a doubt, there was a lot of pressure on everyone playing in this game because there was so much on the line. Win: Go to Nationals. Lose: My Junior career is over."

When queried about competing against friends and ex-team mates, Walker exhibited a keen sense of sportsmanship, an

appreciation for a long-standing camaraderie and recognition of local support. "Playing against Edward was fun. The first game we had against him, he won. And the second time (the final), I won. These were the only two times that we played him this year, so technically, we're even. The fact that we were both playing against each other for the provincial title was huge. I think it shows a lot for Minden and Haliburton. Connor can't be forgotten either. He is rated as top 8 in the province as well. The three of us have had a very successful past, playing together and against each other. There is a bright future in curling for all three of us."

The next hurdle for Walker and his team will be to procure the title of Junior Team Canada. Regardless of the outcome in Quebec though, the four will undoubtedly rehash their season thus far during their all expenses paid trip to the Olympics, the fruit of last month's efforts at the Toronto Curling Association Bonspiel.

National tournament information and scores will be updated and posted at the M&M's Canadian Juniors web site, <http://www.seasonofchampions.ca/2010juniors/index.asp>, and the final games will be broadcast live on TSN at 2:30 (women's) and at 7:30 (men's) on January 24th. ■



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(e.g., Where were the original ancient Olympic Games held?
Answer: Olympia, Greece.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. What is the IOC?
Answer _____
2. How frequently are Olympic Games currently held?
Answer _____
3. What city will host the 2012 Summer Olympics?
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. Which city hosted the 2008 Summer Olympics?
Answer _____
5. Which city will host the 2016 Summer Olympics?
Answer _____
6. Where were the first modern era games held in 1896?
Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. What three languages are used for announcements at the games?
Answer _____

8. In what year and city were the games first televised?
Answer _____

9. How many rings are on the Olympic flag, and what do they represent?
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. International Olympic Committee. 2. Every two years. 3. London, England. 4. Beijing. 5. Rio de Janeiro. 6. Athens, Greece. 7. English, French and the host country's language. 8. Berlin, 1936. 9. The five inhabited continents (North and South America considered as one).

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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your warmth and generosity both of spirit and substance endears you to everyone.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Use that Arian charm to help make a difficult workplace transition easier for everyone. News about a long-awaited decision can be confusing. Don't jump to conclusions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although you might well be tempted to be more extravagant than you should be at this time, I'm betting you'll let your sensible Bovine instinct guide you toward moderation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An opportunity for travel could come with some problems regarding travel companions and other matters. So be sure you read all the fine print before you start packing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make an effort to complete your usual workplace tasks before volunteering for extra duty. Scrambling to catch up later on could create some resentment among your colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial matter could have you rethinking your current spending plans. You might want to recheck your budget to see where you can cut back on expenses until the situation improves.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One way to make your case for that promotion you've been hoping for might be to put your planning skills to work in helping to shape up a project that got out of hand. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful about "experts" who have no solid business background. Instead, seek advice on enhancing your business prospects from bona fide sources with good success records.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Standing up to support a colleague's viewpoint -- even if it's unpopular -- can be difficult if you feel outnumbered. But you'll win plaudits for your honesty and courage.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While progress continues on resolving that recurring problem, you might feel it's taking too long. But these things always need to develop at their own pace. Be patient.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have a financial problem and seek your advice. If you do decide to get involved, insist on seeing everything that might be relevant to this situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter takes an interesting turn. The question is, do you want to follow the new path or take time out to reconsider the change? Think this through before deciding.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Moving into a new career is a big step. Check that offer carefully with someone who has been there, done that, and has the facts you'll need to help you make your decision.

Super Crossword HELLISH-TOSIS

ACROSS

- 1 Toady
7 Pants
12 "— Straw-berries" ('57 film)
16 Diner order
19 Anti-knock stuff
20 Kayak commander
21 Racer
22 Ipanema's locale
23 Riddle: Part 1
26 "A mouse!"
27 Deli delicacy
28 Insignificant
29 Like Yale's walls
30 Practice
32 Swimmer
33 Spud
35 Keen insight
36 Fall behind
39 "Paradise Lost" figure
40 Top-drawer
42 Ring site?
45 Parched
46 Freighter or ferry
50 In the thick of
51 Get the better of
52 Folklore figures

- 54 Nationality suffix
55 "Baloney!"
56 Eye opener?
57 Respond to
56 Across
58 Berry of "Monster's Ball"
60 Fern feature
61 Primer pooch
62 "Enigma Variations" composer
63 Barrett or Jaffe
65 Riddle: Part 2
69 Wander
70 Songlike
71 — Patrick Harris
72 Offer an apple?
74 Writer: Wharton
75 Quoted an expert
77 Winter warmer-upper
78 Not many
81 Classic beginning
82 Napoleon's cousin
84 Icing flavor
85 Gdansk denizen
86 Bond foe

- 88 Sheldon's "— of Angels"
89 Clutches, e.g.
91 — acid
93 Stubborn
94 Small bay
95 Amulet motif
98 Perk up
99 Unclear
101 Butcher-shop buy
102 Serengeti sahib
104 "David Copperfield" character
105 Fleur-de-
108 Prior to, to Prior
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118 Soho snack
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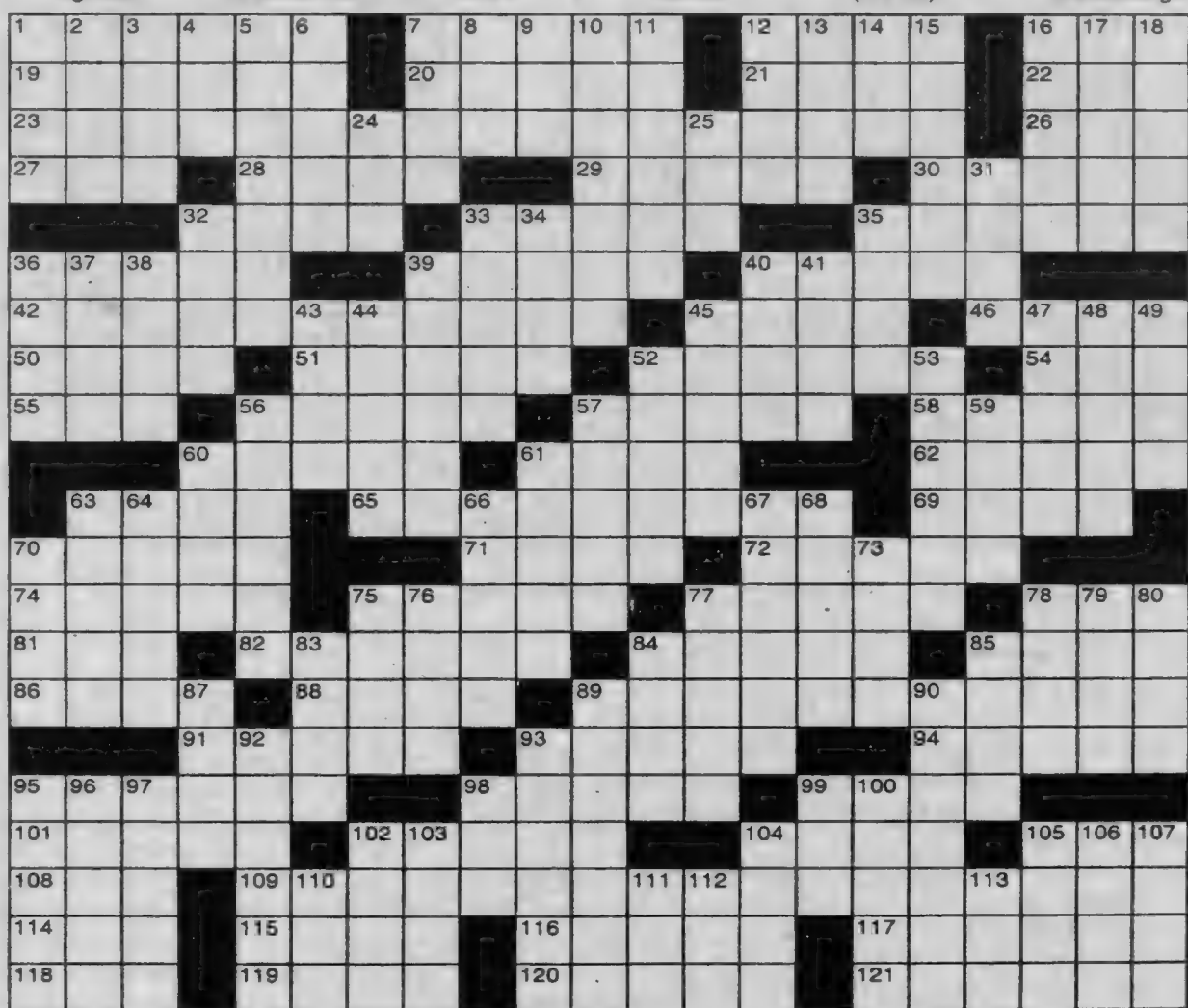
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- 1 Cry of distress
2 Return address?
3 Very low river?

- 4 Beyond balmy
5 Aberration
6 When Adam was a boy
7 Go fish, e.g.
8 Lofty peak
9 — whale
10 Cromwell, for one
11 Bauer or-Bochco
12 Ebb
13 Incensed
14 Fool with the facts
15 Remove
16 Lutenist
17 Feudal figure
18 Symbol
24 Neighbor of Miss.
25 Salutation word
31 Takes to court
32 Temperate
33 Ryan's daughter
34 Perched on
35 — de-camp
36 It'll give you a lift
37 San —, Italy
38 Got off
39 Audiophile's equipment
40 Desire deified

- 41 Lifesaver flavor
43 Type of machete
44 Render defenseless
45 Ekberg or Bryant
47 Hagar the Horrible's wife
48 Cairo creed
49 Ibsen's "— Gynt"
52 Snarl
53 Trekkers' guide
56 Certain helicopter
57 Plant pest
59 "Thanks —!"
60 Tizzy
61 Take the reins
63 Winona of "Mr. Deeds"
64 Heavenly hunter
66 Remove a ribbon
67 Thickset
68 Anne of "John Q."
70 Be a banker
73 Ditch under a draw-bridge
75 Family
76 Othello's inducer
77 Arrogant
78 "— #1" ('61 hit)

- 79 Actress Sommer
80 Singer Dottie
83 Baby's bed
84 Gangster's gal
85 Liqueur glass
87 Galley features
89 Idle talk
90 Odd
92 Tangled
93 Bite for Bonzo
95 Tied the terrace
96 French physicist
97 Stadium
98 Stadium shout
99 Torrid
100 Shady spot
102 Grumpy guy
103 "The Perfect Fool"
104 "What's My Line?" host
105 Lingerie trim
106 "— never happen!"
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112 Overalls feature
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being at 7:30 am and the latest 12:50 pm being a second game of the day. The first three games are scheduled, and the winners compete in a fourth game which they had to win to proceed to the semi-finals. The Storm managed to do this even though they did not always play to their full potential. The semi-final game was a nail biter against the Mt Brydges Cougars who matched the Storm goal for goal. The game went into an overtime period of 10 minutes after a 4-4 tie at the end of the third. The winning goal was scored by Greg Crofts (giving him a hattrick for this game), assisted by Jacob Haedicke and Alex Wilbee--the Storm moved onto the finals to play for the championship.

The last game was against the NYC Cyclones, a team with 15 players and one goalie against our 10 players and one goalie. This game was played Sunday Jan 10/10 at 9 am in St Catharines. The Storm fought hard but lost 5-0. It took an awesome effort by these boys to come in second place in their division. They brought home a banner, a trophy, a medal each and an unforgettable experience shared with their families and team. (This reminds us, why we do this hockey thing)

All the Storm parents/families are so proud of these boys for the way they played (they fought hard and with heart), behaved and represented the Highland Storm Association.

We would like to say a special thank you to our sponsor, The Peppermill and the following who made financial donations to help with our expenses, The Royal Canadian Legion (Haliburton), Curtis Eastmure (Sunlife), Carol Stamp, Vince and Kim Duchene, Cheryl Russell and Mike Easton and Ridgewood Ford. Also Todds Independent for the gift card for food. Another special thank you goes out to Matt Duchene for remembering his roots and taking the time to wish these boys good luck and have fun, they were thrilled. Also to the Highland Storm Executive for their assistance. And we cannot forget our families, friends and workplaces who assisted us with days off, taking care of younger siblings, pets and homes while we were away.

Now we will be playing our last regular season game Wed Jan 13/10 in Gravenhurst, then onto the Liftlock Tournament in Peterborough Jan 15, 16 and hopefully 17th. After this the playoffs start to begin the end the hockey season.

Once again thank you to everyone who wished us well and for your support. ■

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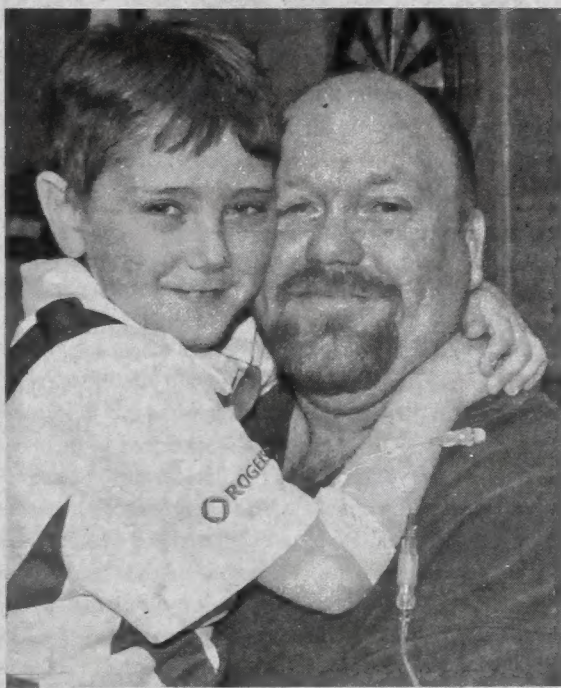
In Loving Memory of Tom MacDonald

Passed away peacefully at his home in Kinmount on Sunday, January 10, 2010 with his loving wife at his side. At the age of 67. Beloved husband of Joanne (Nee Pitt) for 34 years. Dear brother of Lucina MacDonald of Fredericton, N.B., Cecelia MacDonald of Calmar, Alta., Roy MacDonald of Dartmouth, N.S., Jerome MacDonald of British Columbia and predeceased by his 6 brothers and also by his parents Cecil and Mary MacDonald.

In accordance to Tom's wishes, cremation has taken place. Friends are invited to the Kinmount Community Centre for a gathering to Celebrate Tom's Life on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 from 2:00 until 4:00 pm.

Memorial Donations to the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation (KDHSF), P.O. Box 225, Kinmount, Ontario K0M 2A0 or also can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

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Dawson Hamilton: 2003 – 2010.

Dawson Hamilton, of Minden, died last Sunday with his family by his side in Toronto's Sick Kids Hospital. He would have turned 10 years old on January 23rd.

Dawson had suffered for years from Chronic Myeloid Leukemia and had undergone a number of bone transplants, but the disease was relentless.

Dawson will be remembered for his courageous fighting spirit: his family's unrelenting love and support were with Dawson every single day. And Haliburton County's various communities were steadfast in their constant willingness to go the extra mile for Dawson, whether to help his family through their long and costly ordeal, or simply to bring a smile to his face from a hug or a high five from a celebrity.

A service to celebrate Dawson's life will be held today, Thursday January 14th at 1 PM upstairs at the Minden Community Centre.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

PARENTS FEAR SON'S TAG-ALONG GIRLFRIEND WILL HOLD HIM BACK

DEAR ABBY: Our son, "Sam," is a senior in high school and has chosen a college that will suit his major. Now, all of a sudden, his girlfriend, "Amanda," has decided she wants to attend the same school. We'd like to discourage it because we know she's only going there to be close to our son. We feel she needs to get out on her own as much as Sam does.

Sam has tried to break up with her in the past, but she makes him feel guilty about breaking it off. We have talked to our son about her and her behavior. He is a bright kid, but seems not to be smart where Amanda is concerned.

Please help us figure out a way to make Sam understand the kind of position he's putting himself in. Amanda is needy and spoiled. She has never had to work for anything. Our son holds down two jobs and seems very independent -- so why is he coddling her? -- **HELP NEEDED IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR HELP NEEDED: Sam may be emotional about Amanda, or just so soft-hearted he can't get past her guilt trips. Please remain calm, because college is almost a year away and a lot can happen between now and then. If Amanda's focus is on Sam and not her grades, although she may want to attend the same college, she may not be accepted for enrollment.

If she is, then your husband needs to have a man-to-man talk with Sam and point out that when he gets to college he is going to be exposed to many different experiences and people, that he's quickly going to grow emotionally and intellectually, and that is why it's important that he keeps his options open.

DEAR ABBY: My problem is I attract needy people. I don't have a problem setting boundaries. However, those boundaries are frequently crossed because the person is so self-absorbed that he/she "can't hear" me.

How does one draw the line with a complete stranger who wants to tell me her whole life story the first time we meet, and sucks away my energy and my time? I feel like the individual isn't even talking to me. She might as well be talking to herself or to a wall for all I care.

Abby, I do not want to continue being taken hostage by these kinds of people. I'm not interested in their lives or troubles. I have enough of my own. I don't want to be unkind, but I haven't found a way to protect myself from being forced to invest time in needy acquaintances with whom I do not wish to pursue a relationship. I am not a total (rhymes with witch), but I am definitely ... **BAFFLED IN VERO BEACH, FLA.**

DEAR BAFFLED: If I understand your description correctly, the type of person you describe is a "sapper." These are individuals who talk until they completely drain the energy from their "victim" -- not unlike vampires in Stephenie Meyer's novels.

An effective way to deal with a sapper is to stop the conversation. Explain that he or she has caught you at a time or place when it's inconvenient to talk, or tell the person you do not feel qualified to deal with their situation and refer them to a doctor, lawyer or therapist. Then walk away or end the phone call -- depending upon how they have "attached" themselves to you.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend broke up with me, saying, "It's not me, it's you." If he meant it as a joke, I didn't feel like laughing. What should I have said to him? -- **STUNG IN DENVER**

DEAR STUNG: The best response is the one you probably gave him: "Goodbye!"



In Loving Memory of William "Bill" Scott (Formerly of Toronto, Ontario, Retired Toronto Firefighter)

After a courageous battle with Leukemia and Asbestosis at his home in Haliburton on January 8th, 2010 in his 69th year. Beloved husband of Gail Scott (nee Shivas). Loving father of Dale (Stephen) of Toronto, Deanna Cawte of Keswick, Dean (Catharine) of Whitby. Proud Pappa of Emalee, Aubre and Lillian. Dear brother of Carol Scott of Orangeville and sister and sister-in-law Dawn Shivas of Haliburton. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Funeral Services

Friends are invited to call at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)-457-9209 on Tuesday afternoon, January 12, 2010 from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Legion members are asked to assemble at the Funeral Home on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock for a Memorial Service. A Private Funeral Service will be held. Friends are invited to visit with the family at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #129 Haliburton, Ontario on Wednesday afternoon, January 13, 2010 at 2 o'clock for a reception and a time to share memories of Bill. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Dysart Fire Department P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0 would be appreciated by the family.

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Leon "Chico" Mailman (Resident of Gooderham, Ontario)

Leon Hanley Mailman of Gooderham, Ontario passed away on Sunday, January 3, 2010 at the Haliburton Hospital. Born in Brooklyn, Nova Scotia, he was the son of the late Leon and Dorothy Mailman. He was the dear brother of Barbara Selig of Deep Brook, Nova Scotia and Joy Peck of Greenland, Nova Scotia. He was predeceased by three brothers Eugene, Fred, and Shirley. He leaves behind many nieces and nephews, who along with many other family and friends, will fondly remember him.

Visitation & memorial Service

Friends are invited to call at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 624 1003 Hwy #648, Wilberforce, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, January 16, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. until time of memorial Service at 12:30p.m. to share stories about the man we all knew and loved. As expressions of sympathy donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Haliburton Community Funeral Home 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Winterdance Hosts “Bootie Call”

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Hank DeBruin of Winterdance is one step closer to realising his dream of completing the Iditarod dog-sled race. The race covers 1100 miles of exhilarating beauty (and hardship and challenge) from Anchorage to Nome in Alaska. He has now completed all the race stages that had to be finished in order for him and his dogs to compete in the Iditarod.

While Hank prepares for the race by buying mittens designed for minus 60 C weather, which were actually purchased from Florida, and mentally prepares for the incredible conditions that Alaska has to offer, his dog sled team will be vying for his attention as they beg to be brought on the challenge of a lifetime. Hank has now whittled his team down to 20 dogs, although only 16 can be taken on the race. Hank's wife and co-operator of Winterdance, Tanya McCready, says that “he still hasn't decided on his final 16. You never know he could end up choosing the night before the race begins.” Hank has been gearing up for the race for 10 years now and he is only the second team ever to participate from Ontario,

and he will be one of seven teams representing Canada.

And while Hank will be busy racing his dogs in Alaska a bundle of youngsters may be stepping out into the world just a couple of days after Hank starts the race. In an interview with the Voice, Tanya told us that they believe three of their dogs have been bred. By accident. “It was certainly a surprise to us, but dogs will be dogs. We have to wait until they are 50 to 55 days along into their pregnancy for an x-ray and then we'll find out for sure. So there could be three litters of puppies for us to meet when we get back.” The Winterdance Dog Sled tours will still be functioning when the team are away so the new puppies will be cared for by the employees of Winterdance. Tanya continues by saying that “we haven't had any puppies in a while, there is usually four or six puppies in a litter so everyone is really excited.”

The dog sled team comprises of the leaders, then the swing dogs, followed by team dogs and then wheel dogs. Each dog brings its own special type of ability to the team, there is not one distinct leader as it becomes mentally stressful for the dog if they ran as leader the entire distance. Tanya says that “the leader is really the cheerleader of the team, they are counted on for their work ethic, they are the most brilliant animal, one of the current leaders, Max, is ten which is old for a race dog but he is doing incredible. He has run with Hank from the start so psychologically Hank wants him there. The musher puts his or her life in the paws of the leader, the dog has to figure out how to guide the team over the trails when there is extremely poor visibility and they use their other heightened senses to do this, Max has that needed desire to see what's around the corner.” The swing dogs provide assistance to the leaders and they have to know how to turn the team, the team dogs are there to really run and the wheel dogs are the bigger stronger dogs, as they are closer to the sled so they provide more of the pulling.

The municipality of Dysart et al announced at their council meeting on Monday 11th January that they will give \$1000 sponsorship to help Hank in his funding for the Iditarod. Reeve Murray Fearrey initiated the idea with the full support of the remaining council. Dysart et al CAO Tammy McKelvey says that “Hank is the only Ontario racer going; we really wanted to put Haliburton out there and to also recognise his achievement at the same time.”

The on-going supplies are ever consuming for the family who need to provide each dog with; straw for their beds, harnesses, coats for them when they are sleeping for the freezing conditions in Alaska, blankets and booties amongst other items. Tanya and Hank will be hosting a fundraising event on January 23rd at the Pinestone resort and conference centre affectionately named ‘Bootie Call.’ Hank's team will wear out more than 1300 dog booties running the race so they'll be needing some help. In the day you'll be able to meet the team along with Hank and there will be dogsled rides for children by donation. Hank will also run the Iditarod team for on-lookers, which Tanya says is as long “as a tractor trailer.” In the evening a dinner and auction will be held to continue raising funds plus you can bid on a dog from the team which will be present at the evening event to sponsor him or her. The 2008 Iditarod Movie will also be screened for the audience to get a true appreciation of the incredible task Hank will have to face. Tickets must be reserved by January 19th, 2010 call (705) 457-8864 or (705) 457-5281.

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